



**BETTER TOGETHER**

**LOVE** one another

Be in **UNITY** with one another

**SERVE** one another

**ENCOURAGE** one another

# LOVE

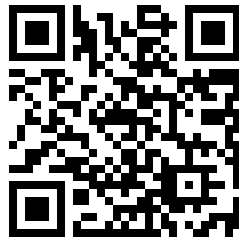
For the week of February 4, 2023  
Series: Better Together - Week 1

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## REVIEW

Pastor Trevor began our Better Together Series talking about the call to LOVE one another. Jesus models for us perfect Selfless - Sacrificial - Unconditional Love - God is perfect love and perfect love comes from God. He invites us to KNOW and experience this love, to RECEIVE this Love and to GIVE this love. This is how we can truly love one another.



## MY STORY

1. What is one food that you love?

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2. Out of the 5 love languages, what would be your first and last? Words of Affirmation, Quality Time, Physical Touch, Acts of Service, Receiving Gifts.

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3. Was there anything from this weeks message on Love one-another that stood out to you?

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## DIGGING DEEPER

**Read 1 John 4:7-10**

1. Based on these verses, what is the biblical meaning of love?

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2. God showed His love for us by sending His Son to be the sacrifice for our sins. What insight does this give us into how God expects us to show love to others?



## TAKE IT HOME

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3. How willing are you to make loving sacrifices in your relationships with others right now? What does your willingness to do so show about the way you see and define love?

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4. Read 1 Corinthians 13:4-7. If God is Love, what does this description tell us about who God is?

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5. How does God's love for us transform the way we see other people?

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6. When we fail to love others, what does it reveal about our own relationship with God?

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1. Do you find yourself more loving or more critical and judgmental of others right now? If the latter, how are you going to reconnect with the love of God in Christ this week?

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2. How can we pray for each other if we are questioning the love of God due to a specific circumstance right now?

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3. Pastor Trevor challenged us to ask God what opportunities there are this week for us to make visible the love of God?

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**“Dear friends, since God loved us that much, we surely ought to love each other. No one has ever seen God. But if we love each other, God lives in us, and his love is brought to full expression in us.”**

**1 John 4:11-12**

**PRAYER**

# UNITY

**For the week of February 11, 2023**  
**Series: Better Together - Week 2**

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## REVIEW

We are in week 2 of our Better Together Series Looking at Unity. We see that Jesus prayed for us in John 17 that we would be United, United in Spirit, all looking at Christ United in Love, in how we love God and love others, and United in Purpose, as we share the message of Jesus to the whole world. But this unity all begins by being united in a relationship with God.



## MY STORY

1. What captured your attention about this weeks message?

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2. Is community something you intentionally pursue? Is unity something you intentionally guard and defend?

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## DIGGING DEEPER

**Read John 17:20-26**

1. What sort of unity is Jesus requesting in these verses and how is it different from the unity the world demands?

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2. Why does Jesus make this request for unity (i.e., what is the “so that” reason in verses 22 and 23)?

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3. Why is unity such a compelling argument for faith?

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4. What are subtle and overt ways we can undermine unity?

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**Read Ephesians 4:1-6.**

5. According to Verses 2-6, how are we to “walk worthy of our calling”?

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6. Why do you think that Paul starts by addressing unity in our relationships with others? What does that suggest about the role of Christian community for our spiritual growth?

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7. What is the goal of living this lifestyle?

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8. What is Paul saying is the basis for our unity?

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## TAKE IT HOME

1. Describe some of the characteristics of a unified church versus a divided church?

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2. What are some proactive steps we can take to bolster church unity?

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3. How can you contribute to the unity of the church?

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4. Are there any steps God is asking you to take towards becoming more united? (Ex. Baptism, Serving, putting God a priority)

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**“Has it ever occurred to you that one hundred pianos all tuned to the same fork are automatically tuned to each other? They are of one accord by being tuned, not to each other, but to another standard to which each one must individually bow. So one hundred worshipers meeting together, each one looking away to Christ, are in heart nearer to each other than they could possibly be, were they to become 'unity' conscious and turn their eyes away from God to strive for closer fellowship.”**

**A.W. Tozer**

**PRAYER**

# SERVE

**For the week of February 18, 2023**  
**Series: Better Together - Week 3**

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## REVIEW

When most of us think about being free, we imagine not having any rules, being able to do whatever we feel like, whenever we feel like it. We think about eating whatever we want, drinking anything we like, and buying whatever catches our eye. But that's not really what being free is about. Instead, being free means living the way God meant for us to live; free to serve Him and free to serve one another and serve with one another.

## MY STORY

1. How do you understand the concept of freedom in Christ?

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2. In what ways have you experienced the freedom that Christ gives you?

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3. How do you use your freedom to serve others in love?

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## DIGGING DEEPER

**Read Galatians 5:13-15 and Mark 10:35-45.**

1. What do these verses teach us about the purpose and the cost of our freedom?

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2. How does love fulfill the whole law, according to Galatians 5:14?

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3. What are some examples of using our freedom as an opportunity for our sinful nature, as warned in Galatians 5:13?

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4. How can we walk by the Spirit and not gratify the desires of the flesh, as instructed in Galatians 5:16?

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5. What does it mean to be a servant of all, as exemplified by Jesus in Mark 10:45?

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6. How can we follow Jesus' example of giving our lives as a sacrifice for many?

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7. Considering Jesus' role as a servant, how does this shape our perspective on leadership and power within our own communities and relationships as found in Matthew 20:28?

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**TAKE IT HOME**

1. What is one area of your life where you need to experience more freedom in Christ?

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2. What is one way you can serve someone else in love this week?

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3. How can you share the message of freedom and service with someone who does not know Christ?

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4. In what ways can we apply the principle of using our freedom to serve others in practical, everyday situations?

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**“The only way you can serve God is by serving other people.” - Rick Warren**

**PRAYER**



# ENCOURAGE

For the week of February 25, 2023  
Series: Better Together - Week 4

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## REVIEW

We are in the fourth and final week of our Better Together Series looking at Encourage One Another. We learned that we need to:

**Encourage DAILY** - Encouragement wasn't meant to be a one-time event, it's an on-going process.

**Encourage NOW** - Don't do tomorrow what you should do today. We never know what tomorrow holds, so don't hold back your encouragement today.

**Encourage for SPIRITUAL VITALITY** - We can easily grow complacent spiritually. We need reminders, sharpening by others of who God is, who we are and where we need to put our focus.

We encourage one another in these ways by SHARING OUR STORIES, MEETING TOGETHER REGULARLY and PRAYING FOR ONE ANOTHER.

## MY STORY

1. Was there anything about his weeks message on Encourage One Another that stood out to you?

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2. Is there a time someone encouraged you? What difference did it make? How did they encourage you?

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3. Why do you think people can often get so discouraged?

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## DIGGING DEEPER

**Read Hebrews 10:24-25 & Hebrews 3:12-13**

1. In Hebrews 10:24-25 and 3:12-13, the term “one another” is used three different times. What instructions are given about how we are to relate to “one another”?

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2. What is the purpose in “encouraging one another”?

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3. What personally spurs you on to good deeds and loving others?

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4. What could be some reasons for someone not wanting to speak into the lives of others to encouraging them?

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5. Scripture tells us to “not give up meeting together.” What are the encouragements and benefits of meeting together as Christians that we cannot get on our own?

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6. Has there ever been a time in your life when someone else’s encouragement protected you from turning away from God? Have you ever been there for someone else?

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7. The enemy often uses fears, insecurities and a busy schedule to lure us away from Christian community. What typically tempts you to avoid “meeting together”?

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## TAKE IT HOME

1. What was the last thing you did to encourage someone?

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2. Is someone who could use your encouragement this week? How could you encourage them?

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3. Take some time to encourage those in your group. Go around and everyone say one thing about the members your group that you see in them or that you appreciate about them. Keep it short.

***“Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.”***

**1 Thessalonians 5:11 (NIV)**

**PRAYER**





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