

**SERMON SERIES:** 52

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## Sermon Title:

“One Heartbeat”

## Introduction

This week in our For EveryONE campaign, we take a look at the heartbeat of the Church. We know that though there are many different kinds of churches, there is only one Church of Jesus Christ. From this unity flows out the mission of the church, giving us One Heartbeat. This is and has been a key component of living out the mission of Jesus for thousands of years.

- Share about a time that you saw the unity of the Church in action. How did it change the lives of those around you?

## Seek the Word

- Read John 17:20-21. Here Jesus prays for the unity of believers, expressing the desire for them to be one, just as He and the Father are one. How can we practically apply this call for unity in our daily lives, both within the Church and in our interactions with the world? What role does this unity play in presenting a compelling testimony to those who may not yet believe in Jesus?
- Read Acts 2:42-47. Here we get to see the early Church in action. What do their priorities tell us about how we should think about our worldly possessions?

## Go Deeper

Read Matthew 6. How can we practically shift our focus from earthly treasures to heavenly treasures in our daily lives? In what ways can we tangibly invest in the eternal, and how does this investment influence our priorities, decisions, and overall perspective on life?

## Talk About It

- Discuss examples from your own experiences where division or discord has arisen, either within the group or in your broader community. How can the principles of unity and sacrificial generosity be applied to overcome such divisions?
- Take a moment for personal reflection: In what areas of your life do you currently struggle to prioritize heavenly treasures over earthly ones? How might the principles shared in the sermon guide you in making intentional changes in these areas?

## Wrap Up

*Reminder:* Because Jesus is for everyONE, we make an impact as one.

*Challenge:* This week take some time to pray over an area in your life that you feel like you have influence in. Pray that God shows you the road to making an impact in that community and that he gives you the next step to take in making that change a reality.