

# KEEPING IT TOGETHER **6** IN A SPLIT-APART WORLD

## PHILIPPIANS: A LETTER FOR OUR TIMES

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### **Read Philippians 2:1-2**

Why do you think unity is so tough to maintain?

Reach Jesus' prayer in John 17:20-23. What motivated Jesus to pray for his disciples to be united? What in your mind offers hope when Christians have struggled with this for 2000 years?

In the sermon, the statement was made that often we have the biggest energy in response to issues where there is some personal pain. Do you agree? Can you think of an example where that is true for you?

Compare Paul's argument for unity in Ephesians 4:1-13 with what he has written to the Philippians. What common themes do you find? What new ideas does he introduce in that passage?

Take a moment to think of a specific disagreement you have with someone in your life. Ask God to increase your curiosity and compassion for that person and their point of view.

For further reading: See Christena Cleveland's book, *Disunity In Christ* (IVP Books, 2013)