

Unity Day Questions for Discussion

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Each college will have divided its students into groups by assigning them a number between 1 and 10. The groups will be led by students: LTCI will provide 4 group leaders, whilst HBS, Latter Rain and HBTC will all provide 2 each.

At the time of the second session each group leader will go to their allocated position and hold a laminated number up high so that it can be seen by all students. Students will go to the group according to their allocated number.

Discussion will last only 30 minutes.

Instructions for Group Leaders

1. Before you lead the group pray...and then pray some more. If you want the discussion time to be a success the vital foundation is prayer.
2. Remember this is a unity day. Your role is to encourage people to interact, to exchange views and opinions—and to make friends with one another.
3. Read the questions carefully. Think about them and what answers might be given, don't simply accept that the first thought that comes into your mind is the “right” one.
4. Try to help and motivate every one in your group to speak and be involved.
5. Encourage people who say something: “I liked what you said about...”, “That was a really good point that you made.”
6. Try not to let the discussion become an argument! People can disagree with respect, grace and love for one another. Help everyone to see that believers can believe and think differently.
7. Encourage people to give answers even if they don't know where the reference is in the Bible.
8. With the questions there may be some that you find easier to work on or to develop discussion from. Get the group to discuss these first to help people relax and share their views.
9. At the end summarise the discussion, draw attention to the positive, leave people focussing on the greatness of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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1. How would you describe the earthly ministry of Jesus in one or two sentences? What kinds of works did Jesus do, and why did he do them?
2. Jesus was totally committed to making disciples.

"Christianity without discipleship is always Christianity without Christ." Dietrich Bonhoeffer

- What is a disciple of Jesus?
- What do disciples of Jesus do?
- Why did Jesus tell us to make disciples?
- How did Jesus make disciples?
- What has been the most effective way that has been used in discipling you to grow and mature as a disciple of Jesus?

3. What does it mean for us to do the works that Jesus did, John 14:12?

“Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father.”

Give examples from your own life or church, or your favourite examples from church history.

“Trying to do the Lord’s work in your own strength is the most confusing, exhausting, and tedious of all work. But when you are filled with the Holy Spirit, then the ministry of Jesus just flows out of you.” Corrie Ten Boom

4. In his book *Jesus Driven Ministry*, Ajith Fernando says this, *“...the Gospels present the anointing by the Spirit as the key to Christ’s life and ministry.”*
 - What events in the life of Jesus that show this relationship?
 - How do you think Jesus and the Holy Spirit cooperated in ministry?
 - In your life how do you cultivate an anointing of the Spirit to help you minister in the same way Jesus did?
5. Jesus taught his disciples how to pray.
 - What examples can you think of that show Jesus above all as a man of prayer?
 - What are the hardest things for you in trying to pray like Jesus?