

Dedication Service Message
MISSION POSSIBLE: UNITE TO IGNITE
John 17:20-23

Main Idea: The transforming power of God's love is seen through our unity.

Introduction: What do unbelievers see when they look at the church? Do they see something that draws them to want to know more about God? We seek to be a multi-racial church because we want to demonstrate the transforming power of God's love that unites us.

I. Unity in the Body is Possible Because Jesus _____ for Our Unity (v.20)

II. Unity in the Body is Possible When We Walk in _____ Upon God (v.21)

III. Unity in the Body is Possible Because of the _____ in Us (v.22)

IV. Unity in the Body as a Mission: _____ Credibility to the Transforming Power of God's Love (v.23)

Conclusion – Dr. Emerson writes in his book entitled, *United By Faith*, *We need innovative congregations that are willing to take the lead in the church in modeling what it means to welcome persons from outside their racial constituency into their communal life...Congregations, when possible, should journey toward becoming integrated multiracial congregations. If they are willing...courageous and visionary leadership among both clergy and laity is essential and a necessary ingredient for success.*