

1. Church is not something we have; it's something we are.

UNITY – the state of being one or joined as a whole.

John 17:20-21 CSB

²⁰I pray not only for these, but also for those who believe in me through their word.
²¹May they all be one, as you, Father, are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us, so that the world may believe you sent me.

Acts 2:41-42 NLT

⁴¹Those who believed what Peter said were baptized and added to the church that day—about 3,000 in all. ⁴²All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, and to fellowship, and to sharing in meals (including the Lord's Supper), and to prayer.

2. One of our greatest evangelism tools is a unified church.

John 13:35 NLT

Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples.

Romans 12:4-5 NLT

⁴Just as our bodies have many parts and each part has a special function, ⁵so it is with Christ's body. We are many parts of one body, and we all belong to each other.

Galatians 6:9 NLT

So let's not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't give up.

Matthew 13:13 NLT

That is why I use these parables, For they look, but they don't really see. They hear, but they don't really listen or understand.

Empathy is seeking to understand and feel what another person is experiencing.

Empathy is a catalyst for unity.

1 John 3:16 CSB

This is how we have come to know love: He laid down his life for us. We should also lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters.

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