

Learning to See in the Dark

Part 4: "Seeing Past Fear"

1. It seems that our primary fear during this political season is fear of loss.

2. In this season we have an opportunity to disagree politically and love unconditionally.

3. Jesus saw the power division and made an interesting prayer request of his Father.

John 17:1 Jesus looked toward heaven and prayed: Father, the hour has come. Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you.

John 17:11 I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name, the name you gave me, so that they may be one as we are one.

John 17:20 My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, 21 that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me.

John 13:34 A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. 35 By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.

John 17:22 I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one 23 I in them and you in me—so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.

Matthew 16:18 I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it.

4. Are you willing to pray as Jesus prayed? "Make us one so we may influence many"

- Pray and prepare yourself for unity – next week
- Look for an opportunity to love unconditionally, someone with whom you disagree politically.