

Biblical Unity Summit '25 Themes and Next Steps

Key themes

- Pointing back to Jesus (discipleship is key)
 - Note: This is a spiritual formation issue.
 - How do we make connections between unity and spiritual formation?
 - What are those steps?
- Image of God
- Relationship barriers

Resources

- Listening Skills
- Developing a Spiritual formation plan that creates the conditions for unity
- Teaching on Student as image bearers (in the context of discipleship)
 - Students know who they are and whose they are (Image Bearers)
 - Internal Barriers
 - Insecurities
 - Fear of rejection
 - Social pressures
 - Algorithms are challenges
 - Personal identity
 - Relationship —> value person over top
 - Help them face adversity
- School case studies
 - Diversity in picture, word, and resources
 - Schools need to be places of safety
 - Humility
 - Repentance
 - Celebrate culture
 - Flag from every nation
 - Digital Missionaries
- A self-assessment (are you prepared to be a unifier?)
 - A self-reflection question
 - Who are we?
 - Where are we?
 - Where do we want to go?

Trainings

- The Art of Listening
- Developing a spiritual formation plan
 - Biblical literacy —> Jesus Christ —> Biblical worldview —> Christ-centered Unity
 - Discipleship
- Having Crucial Conversations
 - Civil Discourse
 - Listening (RASA)
 - Build empathy
 - In our community
 - In the church
 - Overcoming theological snobbery
 - At home
 - At work
 - In the Marketplace
 - The art of agreeing to disagree, but not divide over non-essentials
- Developing Unity Statement
- Integrating Principles into Strategic Plan, Policies, Programs, and Procedures
- Recruitment and Hiring
- Empowering students
 - Digital Missionaries

Next Steps

- One day roundtable around FSi or Tier 1 event
- Reminder of the BUDSE statements for leaders (develop an accessible resource)