



**The Seven "Laws" of Real Church Growth**


$$1 + 1 + 1 + 1 \dots = n$$

# *The Numbers Game*

**Why do we do it?**

**Because it is easy**

**Because of Investment**

**Because it is Safe**

**Because it makes Me Less Responsible**

**I can't MAKE you come!**

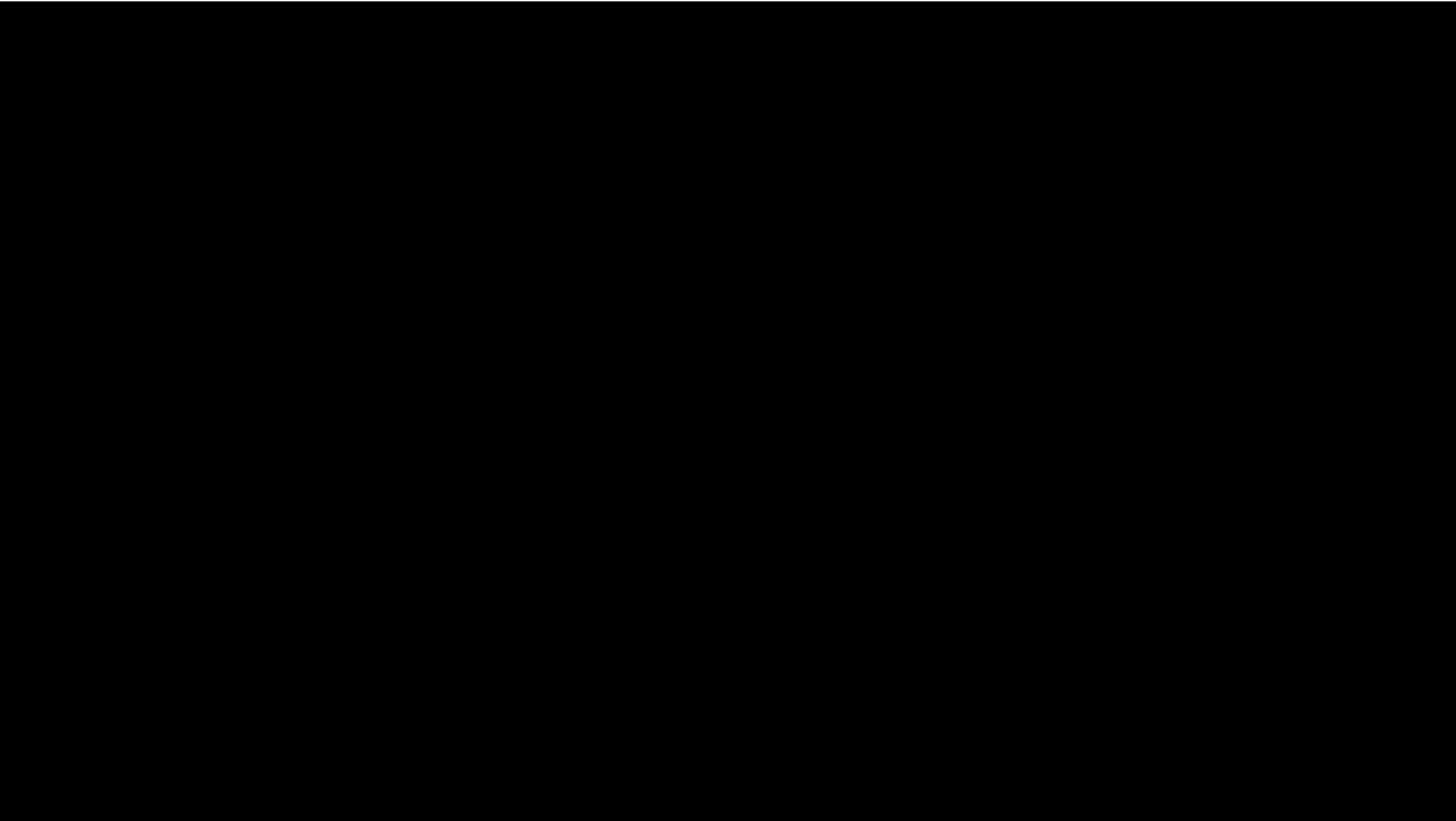
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not numbers.**

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**Unity's goal is not for us to be “godlier”,  
but instead to make us more “godlike”  
so, we can in turn demonstrate to others  
who God is**



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## **What is Unity?**

**Unity is not conformity**

**It does not mean we have to agree on everything**

**Unity also is not proximity**

**Nor is Unity Commonality**

**When we talk "unity" it is really about **oneness****

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## **Oneness**

**The fact or state of being unified or whole, though  
comprised of two or more parts**

**Oneness acknowledges our differences**

**While at the same time pointing out our  
**dependency****

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***“My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, 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 17:20-21***



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## **Oneness**

**If you are sitting here today and consider yourself a Christ  
follower (Christian) he is talking about you**

**You are here because of the message and  
sacrifice of those whom we call the apostles**

**As great and complete as Jesus' sacrifice was if  
these men whom he chose did not do their mission,  
the world would look a lot different today**

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***“That all of them may be one, Father, just as you are  
in me, and I am in you”***

**He did not pray for us to be physically healthy**

**He did not pray for us to be happy**

**He did not even pray for us to be together physically**

**He does not pray that we be godly, he asks that we  
be godlike**

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***“That all of them may be one, Father, just as you are  
in me, and I am in you”***

**The goal of unity is not to make you like me but for  
us to make each other like God**

**Maybe the lesson is a little less about  
explaining and a bit more about demonstrating**

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**Be completely *humble and gentle*; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of *peace*. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all.**

***Ephesians 4:2-7***

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