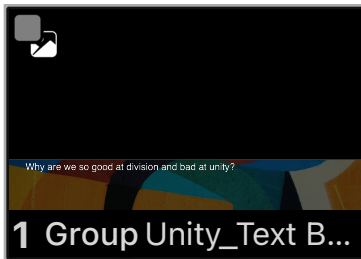
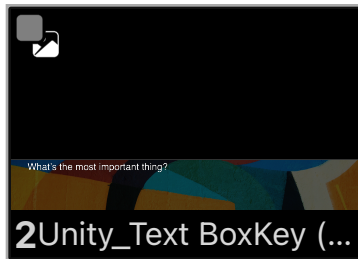


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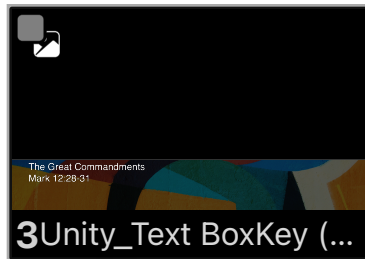
Why are we so good at division and bad at unity?

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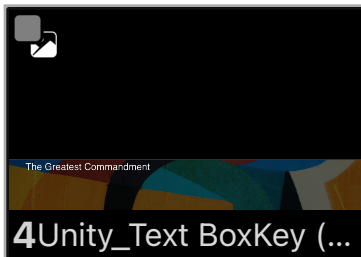
What's the most important thing?

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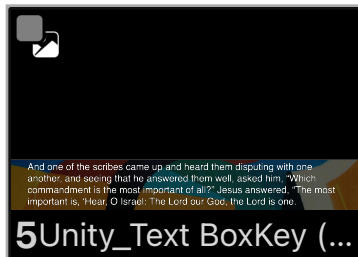
The Great Commandments  
Mark 12:28-31

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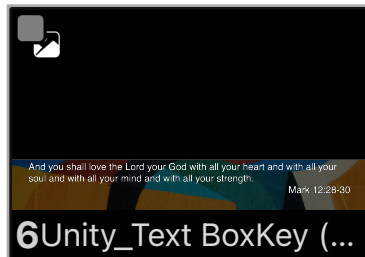
The Greatest Commandment

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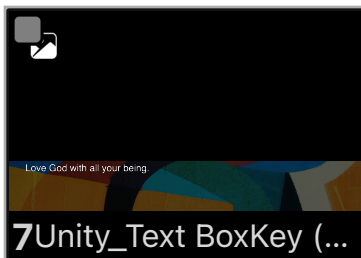
And one of the scribes came up and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, asked him, "Which commandment is the most important of all?" Jesus answered, "The most important is, 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one.

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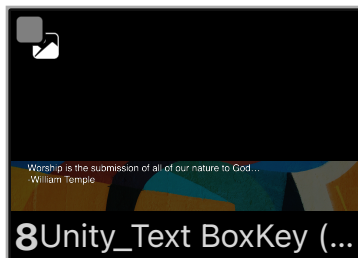
And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. Mark 12:28-30

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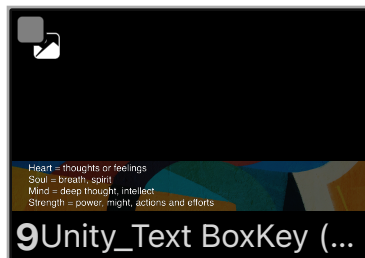
Love God with all your being.

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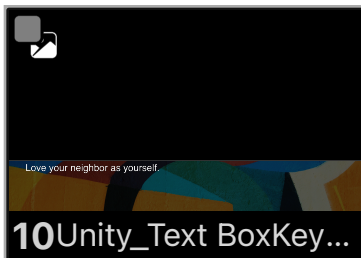
Worship is the submission of all of our nature to God...  
William Temple

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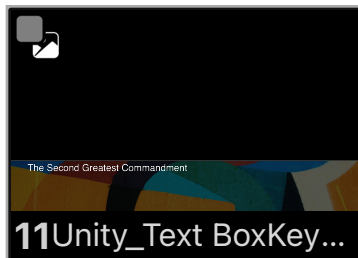
Heart = thoughts or feelings  
Soul = breath, spirit  
Mind = deep thought, intellect  
Strength = power, might, actions and efforts

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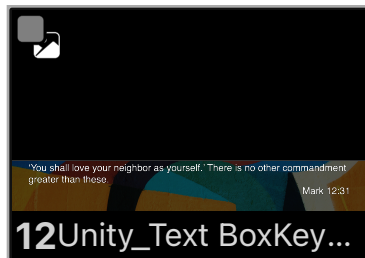
Love your neighbor as yourself.

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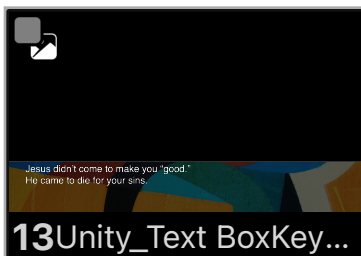
The Second Greatest Commandment

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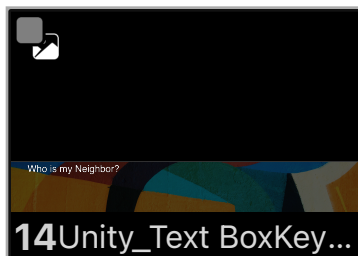
'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these. Mark 12:31

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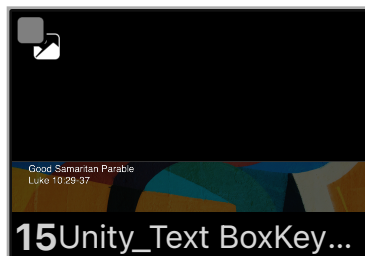
Jesus didn't come to make you 'good.'  
He came to die for your sins.

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Who is my Neighbor?

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Good Samaritan Parable  
Luke 10:29-37

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But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"  
Luko 10:29

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Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed him mercy." And Jesus said to him, "You go, and do likewise."  
Luko 10:36-37

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We can't discuss racial unity until we discuss obedience to Jesus.

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Love is not a feeling. It's an intentional decision.

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"You go, and do likewise," Jesus the Christ.

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Love God with your entire being.  
Love your neighbor as yourself.

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What areas of life do you not love God entirely?

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What neighbors do you not love as yourself?

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Commit to living like Jesus completely and unity will follow you.

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"...Which commandment is the most important of all?" Jesus answered, "The most important is, 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.'"

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31 The second is this: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." There is no other commandment greater than these."  
Mark 12:28b-31


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THE MESSAGE OF RECONCILIATION


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Because we understand our fearful responsibility to the Lord, we work hard to persuade others. God knows we are sincere, and I hope you know this, too.

2 Corinthians 5:11


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Are we commending ourselves to you again? No, we are giving you a reason to be proud of us, so you can answer those who brag about having a spectacular ministry rather than having a sincere heart.

2 Corinthians 5:12


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If it seems we are crazy, it is to bring glory to God. And if we are in our right minds, it is for your benefit.

2 Corinthians 5:13


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Either way, Christ's love controls us. Since we believe that Christ died for all, we also believe that we have all died to our old life.

2 Corinthians 5:14


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He died for everyone so that those who receive his new life will no longer live for themselves. Instead, they will live for Christ, who died and was raised for them.

2 Corinthians 5:15


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So we have stopped evaluating others from a human point of view. At one time we thought of Christ merely from a human point of view. How differently we know him now!

2 Corinthians 5:16

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This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!

2 Corinthians 5:17


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And all of this is a gift from God, who brought us back to himself through Christ. And God has given us this task of reconciling people to him.

2 Corinthians 5:18

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For God was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself, no longer counting people's sins against them. And he gave us this wonderful message of reconciliation.

2 Corinthians 5:19


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So we are Christ's ambassadors; God is making his appeal through us. We speak for Christ when we plead, "Come back to God!"

2 Corinthians 5:20


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For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin, so that we could be made right with God through Christ.


2 Corinthians 5:21

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Reconciliation - to restore relationship or bring parties back together

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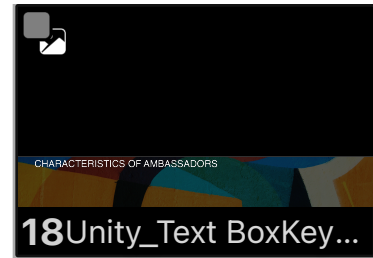
Ambassador - an accredited diplomat sent by a country as its official representative to a foreign country

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1. THE POWER OF AUTHENTIC RECONCILIATION

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We believe racial unity is made possible through Jesus Christ, and we define racial unity as multiple ethnicities bound together, not by uniformity, but by a singleness of purpose: to love God and to love others.

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Racial Unity is people of different races coming together in unity to love God and love others.

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1. To teach a **biblical perspective** on racial unity, reconciliation, and justice

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2. To eliminate any **unintentional barriers** to people of color becoming fully engaged in our church

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3. To encourage **church participation in biblically sound** community efforts to promote racial unity and justice

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My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message,

John 17:20

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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 17:21

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I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one —

John 17:22

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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.

John 17:23

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This, then, is how you should pray: 'Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, **your kingdom come**, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.'

Matthew 6:9

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And they sang a new song, saying: "You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased for God persons from every **tribe and language and people and nation**.

Revelation 5:9

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Where did we get our priority on  
Racial Unity?

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The first thing we did was pray.

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The first thing we did was pray.  
The second thing we did was  
listen.

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There is not just one 'black  
experience' in America.

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Why black and white?

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Rhythm of repentance:  
the practice of always being open  
to your need to repent.

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I was not careful.  
I was not clear.  
I was not helpful.

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"We're not going to have racial  
healing in our country until we  
repent of the racism that lives in all  
of us."

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Do you ever prejudge someone  
based on their race?

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This is why the Gospel always  
**precedes** Racial Unity.

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The Gospel says that when I come  
as I am (not as I wish I was) I can  
receive grace and mercy.

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When I **kept silent**, my bones wasted  
away through my groaning all day long.  
For day and night your hand was heavy  
on me; my strength was sapped as in  
the heat of summer.

Psalms 32:3-4

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Then I **acknowledged my sin** to you and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, "I will **confess** my transgressions to the LORD." And you **forgave the guilt** of my sin.

Psalm 32:5

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We kept praying. We kept listening.

Ten years into our initiative, we see the fruit of this effort. Perhaps most obviously, we are a more diverse church, and, importantly, we see people from a variety of races and ethnicities engaged throughout our ministry and at the highest level of leadership.

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I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one—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.

John 17:22

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Racial Unity at GBC: Will you pray?  
Will you listen?

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