

Held By His Heart

Opening Question

When have you felt deeply remembered or carried by someone? How does that help you understand Jesus carrying believers in His heart?

Text Exploration

1. The Message That Unites (John 17:20–21)

λόγος (logos) — “word, message, revealed truth”

- What is the role of God’s Word in unity?

- How does truth precede unity?

πιστεύω (pisteuō) — “to trust, rely upon”

- Why does Jesus link unity to the world believing?

2. The Glory That Unites (John 17:22–23)

δόξα (doxa) — “glory, honor, revealed worth”

כְּבוֹד (kābōd) — “weight, substance, heaviness”

- How does the cross-display God’s glory?

- What does it mean that believers share in Christ’s glory?

δίδωμι (didōmi) — “to give freely”

- Why is unity described as a gift rather than an achievement?

3. The Love That Brings Us Home (John 17:24–26)

θέλω (thelō) — “to desire, to long for”

- What does it mean that Jesus longs for us to be with Him?

- How does seeing Christ’s glory shape Christian hope?

Personal Reflection Questions

1. What does it mean to you that Jesus carried you in His heart before the cross?

2. Where do you struggle to believe you are truly loved by Christ?

3. How does Christian unity reflect Jesus to the world?

4. What would change in your daily life if you truly believed you are held by His heart?

Cultural Engagement Questions

5. How does our culture redefine truth and unity?

6. How can the church model a different kind of community?

7. What practices help believers remain anchored in λόγος (logos) instead of opinion?

Weekly Spiritual Challenges

Heart Practice

- Journal one way Jesus has shown His love to you daily.

Unity Practice

- Reach out to someone in your church with encouragement, forgiveness, or reconciliation.
- Pray for unity in your church, family, and friendships.

Witness Practice

- Share one truth about Jesus with someone this week.
- Remember: love and unity are evangelistic.