

# LIFE GROUP QUESTIONS

## Thank God for Unity

**Passage:** Psalm 133

**Introduction:** We can praise God as a church for the provision of \$1 million more pledged towards MULTIPLY. Praise the Lord!! John named three reasons we can thank God for unity: 1) Because it is good and pleasant, 2) Because it is holy, 3) Because it is life-giving.

I'm including our Missional Partner covenant with the LG questions this week: the covenant expresses actions we commit to prioritize in our lives together. The elders/pastors believe these expectations are how God says we can have and maintain a unity that is good and pleasant, holy, and life-giving—for our joy and His glory!

**Additional passages:** Exodus 30:22-33; John 13:34-35, 17:11, 20-23; Ephesians 4:1-7; Philippians 2:1-11.

### Questions:

1. John talked about how churches can be ground to powder by infighting, particularly when deep seated resentment lodges itself in our heart. Talk about what it looks like to practice a regular pattern of repentance and forgiveness with others in our church (Consider statement 8 in the MP covenant).

**Background for question 2:** Psalm 133:2 compares unity to precious oil running down the beard of Aaron, a reference to the priestly dedication ceremony in Exodus 30:22-33 where Israel set apart the tent of meeting and priest as holy to the Lord. John noted how this connects to Jesus the Anointed One (Is 61:1, Acts 10:38), and the Spirit setting apart believers for united service together in the church (Eph 4:1-7).

2. How is it going with fostering unity in our church by the power of the Holy Spirit? What does Philippians 2:1-11 point to as motivation for prioritizing loving service towards others?
3. John showed how Psalm 133:3 points to the blessing unity produces in the lives of everyone involved. How have you experienced refreshment and nourishment from church unity?
4. Read through the ten aspects of the Missional Partner covenant. Are there any good reminders you had forgotten about here?
5. John left us with the question of what our impact on the unity of the church is: 1) Contributing, 2) Waiting for it, 3) Subtracting from it. How is it going with being a contributor to church unity? Is there anything in the MP covenant you are particularly challenged by?