

September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022

## Core Values

**John 17:20-23 NIV**

**Psalm 133:1-3 NIV**

1. As you reflect on last weekend's sermon, what one principle or insight stands out as being particularly helpful, insightful, or difficult to grasp?
  
2. *A look closer at "We Embrace Diversity":* Was there a time in your life where you felt on the outside or pushed aside because of your own opinion, where you grew up, where you lived, what you looked like, or what education you lacked? Share with the group of your experience.
  
3. *John 17:20-23; Psalm 133:1-3:* Both passages speak about God's affection for unity and his priority of his people being in unity. Read both passages as a group and then in the examples below, how can we find and see unity as Christ followers in these situations?
  - a. Our politics and party affiliations.
  
  - b. How we interact and serve alongside others who we might disagree with on how we do ministry as a church, worship, and/or keeping/removing traditions?
  
  - c. Loving and serving one another despite our difference of opinions, backgrounds, experiences and skin color.

### **Digging Deeper:**

4. Share with each other of a time you have seen or experienced issues because certain prejudices and/or inabilities to overcome diversity. Was there resolve? What could have been the outcome if we were to model unity that was expressed and modeled to us by Jesus?

5. Times of not participating in community where diversity exists or where it is ignored can lead us to believe that it doesn't exist, or we aren't able to overcome it. How as a group can we help each other be better practiced in being united when diversity is present? Is there anything you are going through right now that your home group could be praying for and helping with, if they only knew about it?