



January 1, 2023 | Pastor Keith Krell
Psalm 133:1-3 | “Heaven on Earth”

Scripture References

Psalm 133:1–3
Exodus 29; 30:22
John 17:20–23
Hebrews 12:22–23
1 Corinthians 1:11–17
Romans 15:5–6
Ephesians 4:1–6, 12–13

Study Questions

1. How does Christian unity and fellowship enhance your emotional, mental, and spiritual well-being? Read Psalm 133:1. Are you currently experiencing community with other believers? Why or why not? What can you do to cultivate a greater sense of brotherhood and sisterhood at CBC?
2. When have you witnessed a particularly beautiful expression of Christian unity either inside or outside CBC? How did this make you feel? How can you ensure this type of unity occurs more frequently? In what ways did this expression of unity serve as a witness to others? Read John 17:20–23 and Ephesians 4:1–3.
3. Please read the following statement: “Unity among believers comes from union with Christ.” Do you believe this? If so, how does this impact your relationships with other believers at CBC and on the Eastside? What are the essentials that you share with other sisters and brothers in Christ? How can you focus more intentionally on these similarities?
4. Why is unity so important to God? Why does His blessing seem to depend upon unity? How can you walk in accordance with His will in this area? Who do you need to reconcile with to restore fellowship? This week, will you pray for a supernatural ability to love the body of Christ?
5. In what ways have you built up CBC and the church of the Eastside this past week? What particular church or pastor have you spoken well of? Who has been blessed by what you have shared about the church or another brother or sister in Christ?

Recommended Reading

David & Diana Garland, *Flawed Families of the Bible: How God’s Grace Works through Imperfect Relationships* (Brazos, 2007)

Gavin Ortlund, *Finding the Right Hills to Die On: The Case for Theological Triage* (Crossway, 2020)

Rhyné R. Putnam, *When Doctrine Divides the People of God: An Evangelical Approach to Theological Diversity* (Crossway, 2020)

Gerald Sittser, *Loving Across Our Differences* (InterVarsity, 1994)