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Bible study for the week starting March 1, 2026

SHARE

When in your life have you experienced true and authentic community? When have you seen community fall apart? What does unity and community look like in the church? What does disunity look like? Why is unity important?

If you were a part of the body of Christ...what would you be? Where are your gifts?

Hand: serving, helping

Mouth: singing, inviting

Mind: Learning, teaching

Feet: Going, Evangelizing

Ear: Listening, compassion

Smile: Hospitality, Friendship

READ/STUDY/DISCUSS

1. Read **Psalm 133:1-3**. Unity is what? (GOOD) And what direction does unity come from? (TOP DOWN)
2. Read **John 17:15-21**. Who does Jesus pray for here? And then what does he pray for?
 - a. Discuss and read various verses...
 - b. We are united in a problem: Sin , death, devil (Galatians 5; Romans 7; John 15; 1 John 2&5)
 - c. We are united in a promise: Truth covers us, grace is for us, Christ is with us. (Titus 2:11)
 - d. We are united in a purpose: battle sin personally, help each other in community, Show the world the love of Jesus. (Galatians 5:24; Galatians 6:12)
3. Read **1 Corinthians 12:12-27**. What is your role in the body? And what is the body's role in the world? How is unity different than uniformity?
4. Application: What do you think the role of Christ's body is in the world? What then is your role as a part of that body? How do you exercise that utility?

PRAY

Pray for the Holy Spirit's strength to be able to forgive as you have been forgiven: much!

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Uncommon Community

John 17:15-26; 1 Corinthians 12:12-20;27; Psalm 133:1-3

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“How **GOOD** and pleasant it is when God’s people live together in **UNITY!**”

- Psalm 133:1 (NIV)

“They may be **ONE** even as We are one.” John 17: 22

ONENESS is not **SAMENESS**.

1) United in **PROBLEM**:

- **FLESH** Pinch yourself (Galatians 5; Romans 7)
- **WORLD** Look around (John 15; 1 John 2 & 5)
- **DEVIL** You have an enemy (John 16; 1 Peter 5; Ephesians 6)

2) United by a **PROMISE**:

- **SET APART**...not ripped apart. (John 17:17)
- **GRACE** that is big enough for you and the world. (Titus 2:11)
- Insulated... not **ISOLATED**. (John 17:15)

3) United for **PURPOSE**:

- **CRUCIFY** the flesh. (Galatians 5:24)
- **CARRY** each other’s burdens. (Galatians 6:2)
- That the **WORLD** may know. (John 17:23)

“In essentials, **UNITY**; in doubtful matters, liberty; in all things, charity.”

UNITY is not **UNIFORMITY**

“I have made known to them Your Name, and I will continue to make it known, that the **LOVE** with which You have loved Me may be in them, and I in them.” John 17:26

For Wednesday Read Genesis 22:1-14