

## Come Serve Celebration Outline

The most valuable lessons in life and the most important growth in character tend to happen when we place the needs of others before our own.

Psalm 133 NIV

How do we live in a society where division continues to lead people to anger, bitterness, despair & isolation?

Psalm 133:1 NIV

“The word pleasant refers to something attractive or desirable...Fraternal unity was something to be valued, prized, and pursued. And as a beatitude of sorts, the opening verse commends a certain understanding of life.”

John 17:20-23 NIV

When the church learns to live together in unity healing will began to happen because people will come to see that the only one who has the power to mend our brokenness Is Jesus.

How do we become a community that lives together in unity?

“Unity can be defined in its most basic of terms as oneness of purpose. It means working together toward a common goal. Unity is not achieved through seminars, but rather through service—together. Unity is not uniformity either. Just like God is made up of three distinct Persons—each unique and diverse—unity does not negate individuality. Unity embraces diversity to create a stronger whole.” -Tony Evans

**“Christian community is not something we can conjure up by uniting around our common interests or shared experience. Instead, it is a divine reality, created by Christ and his gospel. Not what a man is in himself as a Christian, his spirituality and piety, constitutes the basis of our community. What determines our brotherhood is what that man is by reason of Christ. Our community with one another consists solely in what Christ has done for us.”**

Embracing humility, and practicing serving, eating, & praying together.

Jesus’ vision for his followers is a community that learns to do life together living out the values of the kingdom of God as found in the teachings and the life of Jesus.

A community that is quick to hear, quick to forgive, quick to love and a community that has accountability and boundaries.