



Session Three

Overview:

- Ephesians 2: 1 - 10 did a good job of outlining
 - “Our Position - Past Tense” and
 - “Our Position - Present Tense”
 - This draws us “together” with God the Father through His Son Jesus Christ
 - That draws us “together” in a deeply meaningful way with our brothers and sisters in Christ
- Unfortunately, we prefer independence as opposed to dependency on the Lord or interdependency with others, and we prefer self-reliance and control.
- We do not want to be perceived as weak and/or needy for fear of what others might think or how we might be taken advantage of, and we don’t want to be disappointed or get hurt.

Psalm 133

1 Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity!

2 It is like the precious oil on the head, running down on the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down on the collar of his robes!

3 It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion! For there the LORD has commanded the blessing, life forevermore.

John 17: 20 - 23

20 “I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word,
21 that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. 22 The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, 23 I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me.

Discussion Questions

What do you think David might have been trying to address in this Psalm?

Do you agree with David's assessment about the benefits of "unity"? Why?

How does David's word "unity" and our word "together" connect?

What is it in our society that makes "unity" so difficult?

What is it in your life that can make "unity" so difficult?

Next Week: Romans 12: 3 - 8

3 For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. **4** For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, **5** so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. **6** Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; **7** if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; **8** the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.