

Songs of Summer

"A Song of Unity" July 31, 2022 // Tyler Scott, Lead Pastor

We're in a series based on the Psalms of Ascent. 15 psalms that the Israelites would sing as they made their way up to Jerusalem for their annual festivals. Pastor Tyler walked us through Psalm 133, where we learned the rich blessings of unity among God's people.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. Have you ever experienced a strong sense of unity in your family, a group, or a team? Describe it.

2. Read Psalm 133. What stands out to you most about this song/psalm?

3. Read John 17:11. What's your definition of unity? Why do you think it matters so much to God for His people to live together in unity (aka harmony)?

4. Rick Warren wrote, "*It is your job to protect the unity of your church. Unity is the soul of fellowship. Destroy it, and you rip the heart out of Christ's body.*" And the Big Idea of the message is, "We must be willing to work for unity." What are some tangible ways that you can **protect** and **work for** the unity of our church?

5. Read Psalm 133:1. Why is unity so enjoyable to you? What is painful (from your experience) about a family/group/team/church that lacks unity?

6. Read Psalm 133:2. Why do you believe that unity is anointed and blessed by God? What language in this verse reinforces the significance of this?

7. Read Psalm 133:3. In what ways is unity among brothers and sisters a taste of heaven?

8. Read Ephesians 4:2-3, and Philippians 2:1-4. Why is **humility** so hard, yet so necessary for unity?

9. Why are "echo chambers" threatening to true unity among people?

10. What role does sacrifice play in unity, and what are some practical examples?

11. The "building blocks" of unity are humility, sacrifice, and commitment. What specific commitment (and work toward with some grit, determination, and tenacity) are you willing to make that will contribute to unity among God's people?

PRAYER: Spend some time sharing prayer requests and pray for one another. And pray specifically for unity (*which doesn't mean uniformity:) among God's people.