

Psalm 133
Our Need for God's Community

1. When Brothers Live in Unity 1

A. How Often Did Israel Live in Unity?

B. The Need for Unity

Ephesians 4:1-16, 1 Peter 3:8, Colossians 3:14, Philippians 2:1-11

2. Aaron and the Priests' Anointing 2

A. The Anointing of the Levites: The Corporate worship leaders

B. The Importance of Gathering and Community today

Hebrews 10:25, 26; Acts 2:42-47

3. The Blessing of Zion 3

A. A Place to Gather

B. Eternal Blessing on Zion

Revelation 21:1-4

Questions to Consider:

1. Considering the idea of unity, when was Israel's greatest time of unity in the Old Testament? What or who brought them together? What was the greatest time of unity that you have experienced in your life (in your family, in your job, in your community, in your church)?
2. Read Ephesians 4:1-16, 1 Peter 3:8, Colossians 3:14, and Philippians 2:1-11. These are all parts of letters that Paul and Peter sent to churches. What elements of unity and community are shared in these verses? How can you apply these to your own life?
3. Why would the Psalmist bring up Aaron and the anointing of the priests in verse 2? What was the main job of the Levites? How important was the gathering to the Israelites?
4. Read Hebrews 10:25, 26 and Acts 2:42-47. In these descriptions what were the effects of gathering and the desired effects of gathering? Do you have those same expectations for when the church or parts of the church gather today?
5. Verse 3 of Psalm 133 speaks of the importance of Jerusalem or Zion and the blessing on it. The gathering place of the church is a small reminder and is probably one of the reasons that the word Tabernacle was used so often a hundred or so years ago. Read Revelation 21:1-4. The eternal blessing at the end of Psalm 133 connects with the promised new Jerusalem. This speaks of an eternal gathering. Name some of the characteristics of that eternal gathering.
6. How important is it to you to gather? What keeps you from gathering and experiencing the community of God on a regular basis?