

January 13th, 2018 Message Discussion Questions

1. Open with prayer – that God would be very present in your time together today.

2. Before you really dig in, if you were here Sunday – review the sermon content (Pastor Luis)

- What was the point of the sermon?
- How did God's Word challenge you to live this differently this week?

*Next week we will dive back into our 1 Corinthians series and talk about the first thing on God's top 10 list he's looking for in a church: **Unity**. To prepare you for that, as a group today, you'll explore together a larger biblical perspective on unity from a number of places, and hopefully get a better picture of God's heart for this in our midst!*

3. As a group, start today by sharing your own perspective on:

- Why unity is important among believers?
- What does it look like today?

4. Now as a group, let God's Word shape your view of unity by starting in the Old Testament by reading Psalm 133.

- Without an in-depth understanding of Old Testament "beard-i-ology" what can you say with certainty is true about unity in this passage?

5. Next read Philippians 2.1-4

- Start by making some observations about the nature of the "unity" described in this passage.
 - How does it start?
 - What does it tangibly look like?

- If v1 describes the "personal faith" of a Christian, how are the commands to unity in vv2-4 linked to that?

6. We will continue to dive into more about unity next week, but for today end your time discussing:

- What were the differences and similarities between your view of unity in the beginning (question 3), and what you found to be true in God's Word so far?
- What's one thing you know you need to do this week to respond to God's Word from today?

7. Pray for one another before you go, both on how you talked about responding, and anything else that needs lifted up!