

**Sermon Title: Made to Belong - Unity**

**Speaker: Pastor David**

**Passage: Psalm 133/John 17:20-23**

**Groups Guide: 9/7/25**

### **Belong:**

Ice Breaker: Have you ever been on a road trip with a group of people? Maybe it was your family or a group of friends. Where did you go? How was the attitude of everyone in the car when you left? Did you agree on when to stop for a break? How was everyone's attitude at the end of the trip? Would you go again?

### **Believe:**

### **Have someone read Psalm 133**

*Leader's Note: Psalm 133 is a Song of Ascent and would have been one of many songs the people of God would sing together as they were making their journey to Jerusalem to worship*

*"The annual feasts in Jerusalem brought together all sorts of Israelites from different tribes, all walks of life, and the full range of social strata. Psalm 133 reflects the delight of corporate worship of the Lord as the people joyfully join to worship him." Daniel J. Estes, [Psalms 73–150](#), ed. E. Ray. Clendenen, vol. 13, New American Commentary (Nashville, TN: B&H Publishing Group, 2019), 513.*

1. What does the writer think of the atmosphere like when brothers and sisters live in harmony? Have you experienced this kind of unity? What do you remember about how it made you feel?
2. The writer uses two metaphors in this Psalm to illustrate what looks like. What are they? What do you think he is trying to communicate?
3. Being biological and or Spiritual brothers and sisters does not guarantee unity. Can you think of a biblical family who did not get along? What happened? Would you describe their relationships as "good and pleasant"?
4. Have someone read Psalm 135:3. What does this say of the Lord's character? How might we draw upon his character to help us live in harmony with one another?

### **Believe:**

#### **Have someone read John 17:20-23**

1. What does Jesus pray here for his followers? Why is this important? What impact will it have on the Gospel?
2. What is the model Jesus gives for unity?
3. Who makes unity like this possible?

*Leader's Note: "...unity is neither self-generated in the disciples nor their ultimate goal. Oneness is a means to enable the world to realize what God has been doing. The marvelous message is that God sent Jesus on an important mission to the world and that he not only loved his beloved Son but that he also loved the train of disciples who are fulfilling that continuing mission to the world. Accordingly"*

*Gerald L. Borchert, [John 12-21](#), vol. 25B, The New American Commentary (Nashville: Broadman & Holman Publishers, 2002), 208.*

### **Become:**

#### **Have someone read Hebrews 10:23-25**

1. In this message in Hebrews the writer encourages the believers to do 3 things. What are they and how would you rank them in importance?
2. Why do you think he tells them not to stop meeting together?
3. How does this relate to the prayer Jesus prayed in John 17:20-23?

### **Challenge:**

1. Take time this week to pray for unity in our church, in your small group, and in our homes. Set a time each day to pray for this together.
2. We like to say on the groups team that consistency builds momentum. Being a consistent group participant (attending weekly, praying for each other, and checking in throughout the week) can help you group grow and move forward. How can you be more intentional with your consistency in how you show up and participate in your group?

