

# Standifer Gap Prayer Meeting

Wednesday, August 7, 2019

## ***Psalm 133***

1. In one or two words—how would you describe this concept of unity in the setting of a church/faith community? How does God describe unity? {***Psalm 133:1***}
  - a.
  - b.
  
2. What two analogies does David use to describe the reality and blessing of true unity? {***Psalm 133:2-3a***}
  - a.
  - b.
  
3. How do they illustrate unity and its blessings? {***Exodus 30:22-30 / Deuteronomy 4:44-49; Hosea 14:5***}
  - a.
  - b.
  
4. What blessing does God bestow in true unity? {***Psalm 133:3b***} What does this look like and how does it glorify God? {***1 John 3:14-19 / John 17:21b, 23b***}
  - a.
  - b.

***The Secret of True Unity.*** “The cause of division and discord in families and in the church is separation from Christ. To come near to Christ is to come near to one another. The secret of true unity in the church and in the family is not diplomacy, not management, not a superhuman effort to overcome difficulties—though there will be much of this to do—but union with Christ. Picture a large circle, from the edge of which are many lines all running to the center. The nearer these lines approach the center, the nearer they are to one another. Thus it is in the Christian life. The closer we come to Christ, the nearer we shall be to one another. God is glorified as His people unite in harmonious action. {***Adventist Home 179.1-3***}

### **Application / Thought Questions**

1. What conversations with others—family, church, work, school, neighbors—do you need to have so that you may live in true unity with them?
  - a. *In these conversations:* Initiate them. Resist temptation to anger. Listen much—hear whole story. Be careful with responses. Forgive with boundaries. Part as friends even if you differ.