

Marinating in God's Word: Psalm 133

The Psalms shape the language of the New Testament, our worship, and our prayers. Other than that they aren't very important – ha! We're focusing on one Psalm each week.

For further reflection on your own or in a small group, consider these questions:

- They say that all families are dysfunctional. Is that true or not? Why? In one of your families along the way, what put the “dys” into it, and what put the “fun” into it?
- This is one of the Psalms of Ascent, sung by pilgrims as they walked toward Jerusalem for festivals. What themes do you see in the Psalm that fit such a moment?
- This Psalm uses two similes to describe unity. What are they? How do you understand the symbolic affirmations in each about unity?
- In what ways is the church like a family? In what ways are they different?
- This Psalm celebrates unity. In John 17 Jesus prays for unity among his people, and in 1 Corinthians 12:12-26, Paul uses the metaphor of a “body” for unity. What do the John and 1 Corinthians passages add to the simple celebration of unity in Psalm 133?
- How much diversity can the church handle and still have unity (racial, political, worship style preferences, etc.).

Next week we will focus upon Psalm 1.