

## Psalm 133 (*msg*)

<sup>1-3</sup> How wonderful, how beautiful,  
when brothers and sisters get along!  
It's like costly anointing oil  
flowing down head and beard,  
Flowing down Aaron's beard,  
flowing down the collar of his priestly robes.  
It's like the dew on Mount Hermon  
flowing down the slopes of Zion.  
Yes, that's where God commands the blessing,  
ordains eternal life.

## This Week's *Verses*

Psalm 133  
John 13:35  
Matthew 5:44-45  
Romans 5:8  
Ephesians 4:30-32  
Ephesians 4:26-27  
Matthew 5:38-39  
Romans 15:7  
James 5:16

Community  
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Week 14

*Songs of Ascent*

# Daily Reading

## Psalm 133

# Community Discussion

Jesus tells us that the world around us will know that we are His disciples by how we love each other: **John 13:35** *By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.* Having true love for one another is the only way we will ever live in true community with one another. Why is it so important to God that His people live in community? Because it means we are living as we were created, image bearers of Him. God's solution to the problems in the world is meant to be lived out in tangible ways *in the church* (church meaning not a place you go or a service you attend, but a body of people who become family that find their reality in Him). Jesus came to restore us to God's family with people where no one is perfect, but everyone is welcome.

*Read the Psalm each day as you answer the daily questions.*

**Day 1 Reflect:** Have you ever considered your fellowship with others as an act of worship?

**Pray:** Talk with God about how your very relationships can be a response to the love and grace He has shown you.

**Day 2 Reflect:** How has God blessed you with the fellowship of a spiritual family?

**Pray:** Thank God that you have been welcomed in to His family and that you do not have to navigate this life alone.

**Day 3 Reflect:** Is there anyone in your life you are not getting along with? How is God calling you to navigate that relationship?

**Pray:** Ask God for wisdom, discernment, and compassion for that relationship. Ask Him for the softness of heart and courage to take the next steps (forgiveness, a difficult conversation, etc.).

**Day 4 Reflect:** God has called His people to be a kingdom of priests. What does it mean to be priests to one another?

**Pray:** Ask God to show you how you can care for those around you, pointing your community to the hope of who Jesus is.

**Day 5 Reflect:** Our eternity does not just consist of us and God, but also the family of God. How does this impact our relationships today with the messy, broken people within God's Church?

**Pray:** Ask God to give you an eternal perspective that values relationships as a preview of eternity. Pray that He would grow within you a love and desire for redeemed community.

*As you gather as a community, discuss what you learned through the daily readings.*

What are your traits that make you hard to get along with?

What kinds of traits/personality types are the hardest for you to deal with?

How can community enrich our lives?

How can it harm us?

What are some of the messiest relationship moments of your life and how has God used those to grow you?

How is community with Jesus at the center different from the world's idea of community?

What does the Trinity model for us in our relationships?

How can we serve as priests to one another?

What are your hopes and dreams for your Gospel Community (if you are discussing this at a notes night/weekly gathering)?

What steps is God calling you to take to enjoy deeper, more fruitful, Jesus-centered community?

*Songs of Ascent*