

Message Notes

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Bible Focus: Ephesians 2:19

Current Series: Perfectly One

Message Title: We Are Family

1. EVERY believer is a _____ of God's _____

Ephesians 2:19 - *Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and aliens, but fellow citizens with God's people and members of God's household*

- _____ each other (Rom 15:7)
- _____ each other (2 Cor 13:13)
- _____ to each other (Acts 9:27)

2. GOD wants His _____ to live as _____

John 17:21 - *Father, I pray that they can be one. As you are in me and I am in you, I pray that they can also be one in us.* (NCV)

- _____ for unity (John 17:23)
- _____ unity (Ephesians 4:3a)
- _____ our unity (Ephesians 4:3b)

Psalm 133:1-3 - *How good and pleasant it is when brothers live together in unity! ²It is like precious oil poured on the head, running down on the beard, running down on Aaron's beard, down upon the collar of his robes. ³It is as if the dew of Hermon were falling on Mount Zion. For there the LORD bestows his blessing, even life forevermore.*

Questions for Reflection and Discussion

Ephesians 2:19

1. When it comes to family commitments, in what ways are your commitments to God's family the same, or different, than your commitments to your earthly family?
2. It's not enough for us to simply know that every believer is a member of God's forever family. In what ways can you translate that fact into how...
 - You welcome believers into our Bridges family?
 - You adjust to members at Bridges who are different than you?
 - You embrace other believers outside of Bridges?
3. It's also not enough for us to simply know that God wants His forever family to live as one. In what ways can you translate that fact into how...
 - You pray for unity?
 - You pursue unity?
 - You preserve unity?
4. In what ways does Psalm 133:1-3 encourage you to give diligent effort toward unity among us?
5. What do you hope to see happen as a result of what the Lord has been teaching you and the Bridges church family during this 40-day study? What can you do to take a next step toward this worthy aspiration?