

Worship Together

Extended Verse Study:

This Week's Memory Verse Focus

**“How good and pleasant it is
when God’s people live together in unity!”
Psalm 133:1**

2016 Theme:

Transformation because nothing else matters (Galatians 6:14-15)

Ask yourself and apply to your daily prayer:

How can I apply the theme to my daily living and connect that understanding in my active part of the local Body of Christ where I am committed at HCC

Current Series Title:

Transformation

Ask yourself how does the current series “Worship Together Psalm 133” work together with the 2016 theme “Transformation, because nothing else matters”

1:	Read	Psalm 133
2:	Read	John 13:34
3:	Read	John 17:20
4:	Read	Deuteronomy 9
5:	Read	Romans 12:2
6:	Read	Galatians 6:14-15

FOR THE GROUP: Working it out together

1. Pastor Steve said, “The Bible is a story about God creating a family...the Church is God’s family.” Do you see the church symbolizing the family of God? Explain.
2. In what way does Jesus command us to love each other in John 13:34-35?
3. How would you describe Jesus’ love for you? Do you use that same measure of love with all others regardless of your differences?
4. Pastor Steve said, “When the church is in disunity, the world is in disbelief.” What does Jesus pray for His believers in John 17:21 that He says will cause the world to believe in Him?
5. How can the church’s unity show a world full of conflict, discord and division that God provides transforming power to unify His diverse family into the wholeness of His holiness?
6. If the behavior and customs of the world show a path for division due to our differences how can we live in unity with each other? Read Romans 12:2.
7. Pastor Steve said, “Empathy is the first step toward love.” Are you willing to open yourself toward empathy?

FOR THE INDIVIDUAL: Take Away

1. Our default nature as imperfect sinful people is to selfishly think of our standpoint first but how would it change our relationships if our first step was to take the position of compassion in the attempt to understand with our heart before trying to understand with our head?
2. Think of a situation where you have discord or a person who is so different from you that it blocks your ability to bring unity to the relationship. Now, take that situation or person and imagine yourself applying the love of Jesus prior to trying to understand or relate. Let the peace of Christ rule your heart...Colossians 3:15.