



JESUS-CENTERED COMMUNITY

- Ephesians 3:17–19

“Christianity means community through Jesus Christ and in Jesus Christ. No Christian community is more or less than this. What does this mean? It means, first, that a Christian needs others because of Jesus Christ. It means, second, that a Christian comes to others only through Jesus Christ. It means, third, that in Jesus Christ we have been chosen from eternity, accepted in time, and united in eternity” (Bonhoeffer, *Life Together*, pg. 19).

- We need each other _____ of Jesus Christ.
- We come to each other _____ Jesus Christ.
- Psalm 133:1 (NLT)
“How good and pleasant it is when God’s people live together in unity!”
- We don’t find unity and peace simply by _____ on unity and peace.

“Has it ever occurred to you that one hundred pianos all tuned to the same fork are automatically tuned to each other? They are of one accord by being tuned, not to each other, but to another standard to which each one must individually bow. So, one hundred worshipers met together, each one looking away to Christ, are in heart nearer to each other than they could possibly be, were they to become ‘unity’ conscious and turn their eyes away from God to strive for closer fellowship” (Tozer, *The Pursuit of God*, pg. 87).

- In Jesus, we have been _____ from eternity, _____ in time, and _____ in eternity.
- Ephesians 1:9–10
- Colossians 1:19–20
- John 16:33
- In His _____, ministry, death on the cross, and resurrection, Christ entered our actual world of suffering, hostility, and death to rescue and reconcile us.
- We don’t have to _____ our place at the table, and we aren’t called to make others earn theirs. We _____ one another because Christ has welcomed us.
- Revelation 21:1–5
- _____ at the table.

NOTES