

Belonging: *"I will build my church" - Jesus*

Messy Blessing

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Psalm 133

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Introduction: You belong. And we say it a lot. Because it tells us something about you. And it tells us something about us. Because you can't belong by yourself. Belonging is a thing that requires others. To whom do we belong? And with whom do we belong? And for what purpose do we belong? These are questions Jesus answers like no one else before or since. He says, "I will build my church?" What does it mean to belong to Jesus and to the church he's still building?

Prayer: Father, let this text remind us of the blessing of living in unity. Amen

Review: What was the key idea of the Ezekiel text?

Read: Psalm 133

Discussion:

1. What are the characteristics of living in unity? Have you experienced this? Explain.
2. In verse 2, the blessing of unity appears to be "messy". Does this make sense?
3. Verse 3 has a different description. Is this more attractive?
4. Is the "unity" of this psalm a response to individualization? Explain.

Application: This week look for ways of expressing the value of unity in the church.

Prayer: Father, thank you this reminder of how pleasant unity can be. Amen.