

## Day 7 - Worship and Unity

The family of God is diverse and beautiful. God calls people from every tribe, tongue, and nation to join Him on the journey of discipleship. Then, through His grace, He takes all of us from our different walks of life and creates a body of believers that He calls to walk in unity. One act of worship that we can offer to the Lord is to love our fellow believers and all those He has created.

Are there believers who are different from you that you struggle to understand or love?

If you thought of a specific person or people group, hold them in your mind as we explore the Scripture together

Our focus scripture for today is Colossians 3:14:

<sup>14</sup> Beyond all these things, put on love, which is the perfect bond of unity.”

Because of God’s great love for the entire world and His desire that ALL should come to know Him, He opens the doors to His love and Kingdom to any who wish to enter. Each person we come into contact with is an image bearer of God with profound value - a person that He loves and knows intimately down to the number of hairs that are on their head. Our first step toward unity is reminding ourselves of the great love God has for all of us as individuals, no matter how different we may be. God calls His people to be known by our radical love for each other.

Pause to ask God to reveal areas where you have been unloving toward your fellow believer. Confess your difficulty in loving others and accept forgiveness from your Father, who already knows where you are struggling and wants to meet you there.

As an invitation to a spiritual practice—a way to say “yes, Lord,” stretch yourself in this area by sharing God’s radical love with someone in your life. Write a handwritten note with a message of encouragement to a fellow believer and then hand deliver or mail it. Include a verse or verses that will speak God’s truth and love into their lives. This small act of love can be immensely powerful in developing bonds of unity with our brothers and sisters and is an act of worship that we offer to the Lord.

Prepare to walk with God into the day before us, the Lord who loves us says in

Psalms 133:1 - “Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brothers to dwell together in unity.”

Father, help us discern where you are leading us as a church - making Your invitation clear.

Jesus, help us become worshipers, friends, apprentices, and guides who live as disciple-makers in all areas of our everyday.

Spirit, help us become a disciple-making hub, loving the lost and proclaiming Jesus in all we do and say so our communities will flourish.