

Key References:

Revelation 19:7–8 (ESV)

⁷ Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his Bride has made herself ready; ⁸ it was granted her to clothe herself with fine linen, bright and pure"— for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints.

Matthew 5:15-16 (NIV)

¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

John 1:12-13 (ESV)

¹² But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, ¹³ who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

Ephesians 4:1–3 (NIV)

As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. ² Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. ³ Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.

Psalm 133:1–3 (ESV)

¹ Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity! ² It is like the precious oil on the head, running down on the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down on the collar of his robes! ³ It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion! For there the LORD has commanded the blessing, life forevermore.

Romans 5:5 (ESV) [...] God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

1 – ETERNITY & THE BRIDE OF CHRIST

How much do you think about eternity? How does meditating on eternity effect our priorities and how we live life today?

Read Revelation 19:7-8. What is the bride of Christ? How can we prepare ourselves for Rev 19? How should we respond to knowing that Heaven is coming?

2 - DEEDS & THE GOSPEL

Read Matthew 5:14-16. How do our actions share the gospel? What is the light that shines through these good deeds?

Have you ever been able to share the gospel through good deeds?

3 - PART OF THE FAMILY

Read John 1:12-13. Mike said "it's a privilege to be in Gods Family. But, with privilege also comes responsibility." What are these responsibilities? Is there a team at Oceanside you'd like to join.

[currently we need more leaders in ONE80 and JAM]

What happens to earthly family when there is no unity? What about a church family?

4 - UNITY

Read 1 Corinthians 1:10 & Ephesians 4:1-3. How can we be proactive to keep our unity as a church?

Read 2 Corinthians 13:11. Does unity require sacrifice? If so, what might we have to sacrifice? [personal wants vs God's priorities & his people]

Read Psalm 133. What strengths does a church have when its people are unified?

What does God promise to a people that are unified? How does the need for unity and leadership in a church compare to that of an army?

Read 1 Corinthians 13:1-7. Usually this verse is used in weddings, but how can we apply it to our interactions as a family? Since we are all imperfect what kind of radical love & forgiveness do we need to show to one another?