

Memory Verse Philippians 2:2

*“Complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love,
being in full accord and of one mind.”*

Introduction

“Picture a church made up of humble people who consistently put aside their own interests and wants for the benefit of their brothers and sisters and, empowered by Christ, their main agenda is advancing His gospel of truth and grace. That’s a church that probably doesn’t struggle much with unity issues, and that’s a church that reflects our beautiful Saviour to a watching world.” (quote from T.J. Diamond)

Do you agree with this? Why or why not?

Discussion Questions

1. What wonderful gifts has God lavished on us as believers from verse 1?

a) How would you explain each of those gifts to an unbeliever?

b) Why do you think Paul reminds us of these gifts, just before exhorting us to unity and humility in the following verses?

2. From verse 2, what does Paul say would “complete his joy”? Remember that Paul is in prison - so why do you think these desires would be at the top of his list for his personal joy?

3. Verse 3 highlights humility. From a biblical perspective, what is humility?

a) Why should we pursue humility?

b) How do we pursue humility?

c) What are some warnings, and some rewards, associated with humility in the Bible?

4. What is the connection between “unity” and “humility” in this passage? Can you find other bible verses that talk about the relationship of unity and humility?

5. Read John 17: 20-23. In verse 20, Jesus is describing us in Harvest Niagara in 2021! How does Jesus describe unity? Why is unity a key ingredient for us, according to Jesus?

Breakout

1. Prayerfully review the “50 Fruits of Pride” attachment: <https://harvestniagara.ca/wp-content/uploads/2017/06/The-50-Fruits-of-Pride.pdf>

a) Which 2 or 3 fruits of pride do you most struggle with?

b) Which 2 or 3 of the ways to deal with pride will you commit to pursuing, and what specifically does that look like in your life over the coming days, weeks and months?

2. Devote a material amount of time to pray for each other specifically regarding question #1 above.