

# THE LANGUAGE OF PRAYER

## A Series on the Book of Psalms



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Praying for Unity



This week, David Bailey visited to bring a message on Marching to Zion from Psalm 133.

### READ

Psalm 133

### REFLECT

1. Have you experienced diversity in the Body? David pointed out that normally when we think of unity, we are hoping others will assimilate to our perspective? How have you seen that manifest in your life?
2. David broke down three obstacles for unity in the Body of Christ: worship preferences, children's ministry, and politics. Have you experienced any of these divisions? Share some of your experiences with the group.
3. David used a quote from Phillip Yancey: "Grace is annoying. It's easy to show grace to people who think just like you do, much harder to show grace to those who offend you or with whom you disagree." What thoughts does this provoke as you reflect on your own life?

### PRAY

- + Confess to God how we often misunderstand unity and how we struggle to pursue it in a way that is good and pleasant.
- + Thank God for providing a roadmap to Union with Him and Unity with our brothers and sisters.
- + Pray for renewal in our Church, our Community, and our City.

### PRACTICE

- + What are some tangible ways you could increase your participation in terms of hospitality, priestly ministry, and maturity?
- + David ended the sermon with summarizing Third's history of culture-making in the city and left us with an invitation and a challenge. What would putting this message into practice look like?
- + At one point, David encouraged us that when we encounter people from different backgrounds or with different beliefs, we must "act as a priest, not a punk." What does that look like in your life. How could you assume this priestly posture in the week to come?