

## **Sermon Discussion Guide for small groups, families, or individuals**

### **“Natural Enemies”**

**Psalm 133**

**May 10-11, 2014**

#### **For Starters**

- Can you recall a time in your life when you had great community? If so, what were some of the blessings of that community?
- Make a list of what kind of communities you are a part of. What community do you lack or desire to have?

#### **Digging In**

Community is about unity. Gospel centered community is about unity in and around the person of Jesus Christ.

*Read Ephesians 4:1-6.*

Isolate each verse and reflect on what each verse is saying and how it applies to gospel-centered community. After you read through each verse, reflect on how all six verses communicate a gospel-centered community. Do your communities reflect this? If not, how could they? *Example: It's easy to see how a life group should reflect a gospel-centered community, but what about Facebook?*

*Read Psalm 133.*

Why do you think there has to be a call to unity? Why is the proclamation of blessing so important? Remember that verse 2 reminds us that unity among God's children is God's purpose. Verse 3 gives us an image of fruitfulness as being blessed when dwelling in unity.

#### **Bringing it Home**

- We are natural enemies who must love each other because of Christ. How are you doing at this?
- How committed are you to gospel-centered community?
- How committed are you to living a gospel-centered life?
- Individualism fights against the gospel and gospel-centered community. What aspects of individualism do you struggle with that hinder gospel-centered community? (Signs of individualism include self-reliance, self-sufficiency, self-protection, self-importance, self-will. Also: Power, wealth, success and recognition)
- What steps can you take toward orienting your communities around Christ and becoming gospel-centered? How can God use you to shape the communities you are in to become more gospel-centered? How can God use the communities you are in to grow you in Christ?

#### **Prayer**

Pray for gospel-centered community, that Christ would be glorified as you love others and do community.