

Sermon Discussion Questions, January 16, 2011
***Christian Unity: An Agonizing but Amazing Mystery*, Dr. Rod MacIlvaine**
Psalm 133; Philippians 2:1-11

Read Psalm 133 before you begin. This passage will serve as a catalyst for open discussion.

THE CONCEPT AND BENEFITS OF UNITY- Psalm 133

1. What is the first thing that comes to mind when you hear the word, "unity?"
In what area(s) is unity important in the world today?
2. What causes disunity in the body of Christ and what are the results? How have you personally experienced disunity in the church? What did you learn from this experience?
3. What are the benefits of unity in the body of Christ?

THE PRICE TAG FOR UNITY IS HUMILITY – Philippians 2:1-11

4. As you read Philippians 2:1, substitute the word "because" for the word "if."
Based on this verse, where does authentic unity originate?
5. Read Philippians 2:3-11, what is a believer's responsibility for unity? Whose example should we follow and why?
6. Discuss specific ways you put into practice Philippians 2:3-4. Is it easy or hard to live this way? Why?
7. What new things did you learn from this sermon? From where will you draw strength in order to live this lifestyle?