**Sticking Together in 2021**

“Healing strained relationships by thinking of yourself less.”

**Text**: **Philippians 2:1-4**, “So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, **2**complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. **3**Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. **4**Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.” **English Standard Version**

*Living in Harmony with others requires you to…*

**Point #1**: **Recognize** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_! **v.1**

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**Point #2**: **Realize** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_! **v.2**

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**Point #3**: **Look** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_! **vv.3-4**

**Corollary Verses**: John 17:20-21; Romans 15:4-5; Ephesians 6:21-22; 2 Corinthians 1:5; 1 Corinthians 12:12-13; Hebrews 4:14-16; Romans 8:5-6; and John 17:11.

**Application Questions**

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today’s sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to the questions listed below will assist you in gaining a better understanding of the point of this passage. Please be prepared to discuss your answers with your Home Fellowship Groups.

1. Read **Romans 3:23**; **2 Corinthians 5:17**; **1 Corinthians 12:13**; and **Galatians 5:22-24** then answer the following questions. What are some of the common experiences that true believers share with one another (make a list)? How do these shared experiences strengthen the bonds of unity between believers?
2. Read **John 17:11, 20-24**; **Psalm 133:1**; **Romans 12:4-5**; and **Ephesians 4:1-6** then answer the following questions. Why is unity so important to God the Father and God the Son (as well as God the Holy Spirit)? What are the benefits from being unified? Why is unity in the body absolutely necessary?
3. Go onto the **internet** and read the Westminster Shorter Catechism and write down what the chief end of man is. In other words, what is our primary goal as believers? Read **Matthew 28:18-20** and identify the commission that Christ gives to each and every believer. What benefit is there in knowing that you share the same goals as others?
4. Read **James 4:6**; **Ephesians 4:2**; **1 Peter 5:5** and **Romans 12:16** then answer the following questions. Why is it impossible to be unified with the proud and arrogant? What attributes of humility promote unity? What is false humility and why should we avoid it in the body of Christ?