

Growing together in Christ in Small Group Ministry

Psalm 133; Hebrews 10:24-25

In Psalm 133, unity or togetherness is like two colourful similes: “oil” and “dew” (verses 2-3a)

- Symbolize plentiful supply
- Symbolizes refreshing provision (cf. Psalm 23:5)
- The Lord’s provision (“running down”)

God brings blessing to His gathered people – a kind of covenant blessings (cf. Deuteronomy 30:15, 19-20; 32:47)

The Christian gathering of togetherness, unity, relationship and fellowship includes unselfish loving, honest sharing, growing together, practical serving, sacrificial giving, sympathetic comforting, and all the other “one another” commands found in the New Testament (Hebrews 10:24-25)

1. Growing together in Christ in Small Group will enable us to Relate to one another.

- 1 John 1: 7-8
- God’s people should experience an authentic relationship with one another.

2. In Small Group, we must Care for each other.

- John 13:34-35
- “If we have got the true love of God shed abroad in our hearts, we will show it in our lives. We will not have to go up and down the earth proclaiming it. We will show it in everything we say or do.” (D.L. Moody)

3. There must be Mutual Edification in a Small Group.

- Romans 1: 12; 14:19
- Over fifty times in the New Testament we’re commanded to do different tasks for “one another” and “each other.”

4. Being Available to Minister one another and others too.

Reflection:

1. Membership/Confirmation vow: Will you be loyal to the Methodist Church in Malaysia, and uphold it by your prayers, your presence, your gifts, and your service? How?
2. In what ways Small Group helps someone in their personal growth in Christ?
3. Why are some reluctant to be involved in Small Group? How can we encourage others to be in a Small Group?