Connect Study - Zaga Zaga Week

During Zaga Zaga week we prayed about many things, but there are three things that were mentioned repeatedly:

1. Unity

Psalm 133:1-3 “How wonderful and pleasant it is when brothers live together in harmony! For harmony is as precious as the anointing oil that was poured over Aaron’s head, that ran down his beard and onto the border of his robe. Harmony is as refreshing as the dew from Mount Hermon that falls on the mountains of Zion. And there the Lord has pronounced his blessing, even life everlasting”

Here it says, “harmony is precious”. It is to be guarded and treasured. The Apostle Paul exhorts us to “make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace”. Harmony is as precious as the “anointing oil”. The ingredients used to make the anointing oil can only be used by the high priest. It was holy unto the Lord. Thus, harmony is also holy unto the Lord. This harmony needs to flow to every part of the body just as the anointing oil flows from the head to the edge of Aaron’s garment. Harmony is also refreshing. And when we dwell together in unity, God commands his blessings.

1. Intimacy

John 15:14 “You are my friends if you do what I command”.

When we are born again, the spirit of God dwells within us. We are restored into relationship with God. Here God calls us His friend, we have access to his heart. Our encounter with God can be close and intimate. When we see ourselves as friends of God rather than just slaves of God, it changes our function. We now work with Him rather than just work for Him.

1. Humility

The Apostles Paul, James, and Peter all wrote about humility. Indeed, God resists the proud but gives grace to the humble. Our relationship with God and others cannot flourish if we do not have humility. But what does it mean to be humble? Paul in Philippians gives three examples of humility using Christ’s example:

Phil 2: 3 “Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves”

Phil 2:7 “…He took the humble position of a slave”

Phil 2:8 “he humbled himself in obedience to God…”

We can all grow in humility.

Discussion questions:

1. What is the most precious thing in your life?
2. If unity is precious, what do we need to do to guard unity in the connect group and the church? What are some of the things that destroy unity and how can we avoid them?
3. What do you need to do to develop a close friendship with God?
4. What do you think it means to “think of others as better than yourself”? What does it look like, practically?