

“How good and pleasant it is when God’s people live together in unity!” Psalm 133:1 NIV

[lectio] // PSALM 133

listen to the text by reading out loud slowly and repeat up to 3x if desired

[meditatio]

reflect on – what word, words, phrase, or sentence speaks to you from the text, then write them down

It is crazy to read this verse after a prayer gathering at Newport Mesa Church and the big, final mediation meeting today between them and Vanguard University. It is definitely about unity, how to get along and how we talk about each other - even at an organizational level. So many people are listening, so many students are watching to see how their school and a church (one of the partners of the school) is handling tough decisions. I believe the stories that are told are more important than the decision that is made today.

[oratio]

pray as responding to the words, phrase, sentence that God has stirred within you

Dad,

I pray that ALL involved would behave, be kind and be generous toward the other. We (they) are brothers and sisters in Christ! I pray that the school would be far more generous than 1.7 million and the church can accept a 10 million offer to leave in two years. I pray that you GIVE Newport Mesa Church land at an amazing price within the new development on Harbor blvd. It’s close and the city needs great churches and partners to love on the people of Costa Mesa. It doesn’t have to be huge, but able to facilitate a community outreach and offices to host gatherings and coordinate house churches all over the city.

[contemplatio]

rest in the presence of God, allowing the words revealed to take root