

April 26, 2020
Come Together, Part 2
“Our Biggest Problem”

What were some of your favorite things about last Sunday’s online service?

What do you remember from the message?

What were some things that resonated with you?

Was there anything you wrestled with?

Christian teachers have taught down through history that mankind’s greatest sin is “pride” (Augustine, Aquinas, Calvin, Luther, Lewis, to name a few.) Do you agree? Why or why not?

In what ways does pride destroy our ability to genuinely love others?

In your life, what is the biggest “win” for you? What are one or two things that make you feel like you’re a winner?

The words “compete” comes from the Latin word *competere*, which means “to seek together.” On a scale of 1 to 10, how competitive are you? What do you enjoy most about competing?

Why does winning give someone such a great feeling? Can someone see someone else win and still experience a great feeling?

READ Philippians 2:1-4 (NLT)

Is there any encouragement from belonging to Christ? Any comfort from his love? Any fellowship together in the Spirit? Are your hearts tender and compassionate? Then make me truly happy by agreeing wholeheartedly with each other, loving one another, and working together with one mind and purpose. Don't be selfish; don't try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves. Don't look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too.

When Paul says we should “agree wholeheartedly with each other” does he mean we should agree on everything? If not, what *should* we agree on? Why did he say that?

Why does it make sense to think of others as better than yourself?

Just for fun: if we are, as Paul said, each individually members of one body - the body of Christ - what part of the body of Christ do you think you might be, using anatomical terms. Why? (Foot, knee, elbow, ear lobe, hand, eye, etc...).

In anatomical terms, in what ways does the part you identify as serve the rest of the body? In what ways does it serve itself. (How does the elbow save the rest of the body? The knee?, etc...)

Ephesians 2:10 says, **For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.**

How does it make you feel to know that God sees you as his work of art - a masterpiece in the making?

What are some different ways you can give that feeling to others?