



# Lions & Tigers & Bears, Oh My!

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## Working together in God's Kingdom

### 1. God's desire for \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>1</sup>So does belonging to Christ help you in any way? Does his love comfort you at all? Do you share anything in common because of the Holy Spirit? Has Christ ever been gentle and loving toward you? <sup>2</sup>If any of these things has happened to you, then agree with one another. Have the same love. Be one in spirit and in the way you think and act. By doing this, you will make my joy complete. <sup>3</sup>Don't do anything only to get ahead. Don't do it because you are proud. Instead, be humble. Value others more than yourselves. <sup>4</sup>None of you should look out just for your own good. Each of you should also look out for the good of others. **Philippians 2:1-4 NIRV**

### 2. Unity is \_\_\_\_\_

- It is easier to \_\_\_\_\_
- Don't focus on what \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>1</sup>How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in peace! <sup>2</sup>It's like the special olive oil that was poured on Aaron's head. It ran down on his beard and on the collar of his robe. <sup>3</sup>It's as if the dew of Mount Hermon were falling on Mount Zion. There the LORD gives his blessing. He gives life that never ends. **Psalm 133:1-3 NIRV**

<sup>49</sup>"Master," said John, "we saw someone driving out demons in your name. We tried to stop him, because he is not one of us." <sup>50</sup>"Do not stop him," Jesus said. "Anyone who is not against you is for you." **Luke 9:49-50 NIRV**

### 3. The \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_

- \_\_\_\_\_ is a \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>14</sup>So the body is not made up of just one part. It has many parts. <sup>15</sup>Suppose the foot says, "I am not a hand. So I don't belong to the body." By saying this, it cannot stop being part of the body. <sup>16</sup>And suppose the ear says, "I am not an eye. So I don't belong to the body." By saying this, it cannot stop being part of the body. <sup>17</sup>If the whole body were an eye, how could it hear? If the whole body were an ear, how could it smell? <sup>18</sup>God has placed each part in the body just as he wanted it to be. <sup>19</sup>If all the parts were the same, how could there be a body? <sup>20</sup>As it is, there are many parts. But there is only one body. **1 Corinthians 12:14-20 NIRV**

Brothers and sisters, I make my appeal to you. I do this in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. I ask that all of you agree with one another in what you say. I ask that you don't take sides. I ask that you are in complete agreement in all that you think. **1 Corinthians 1:10 NIRV**

### Next Steps:

- I want to be part of God's Kingdom and commit to being united to Christ and his followers
- I am willing to sacrifice my desires and ways for the sake of Christian unity
- I struggle working with some people; I commit to focusing on unity and not differences
- I am having a problem with a person/situation and need God's help: \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_