

Sermon Title: We Believe: Church Cooperation

Scripture: Psalm 133; Matthew 22:37-40; Matthew 25:40; Mathew 28:19-20; Ephesians 4:1-3

Date: August 10th, 2025 **Speaker Name:** Ian Stevenson

- 1. "Church cooperation" is an interesting belief and value to spend time addressing. What has you experience with churches working together and cooperating with one another?
- 2. Ian Stevenson shared about the network of churches in Orange County (Trellis) and Costa Mesa (Love Costa Mesa). Have you heard of or been involved with either of these organizations? How does each organization support and encourage the work of the greater church than one individual church?
- 3. Psalm 133 speaks of the benefits of "brothers who dwell in unity."
- 4. When Jesus speaks of the greatest commandment (and the second) in Matthew 22:37-40, how do these verses help us understand the connection between our response to God and our response to others? Why are these two responses inseparable?
- 5. "As you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me" (Matthew 25:40). Have you considered how your actions toward others are actually your actions toward Christ?
- 6. As you consider The Great Commission in Matthew 28:19-20, have you considered the implications of "all nations" or do you often focus on a certain location or people?
- 7. Ephesians 4:1 commends us to "walk in a manner worthy of the calling which you have been called." What does it mean to walk worthy?
- 8. Ephesians 4:3 instructs us to be "eager to maintain unity." Would this be descriptive of your life or is it an area you need to grow in? Explain.
- 9. As Ian mentioned, there are dozens of New Testament verses that mention "one another." Have you read these or is there one in particular that is important to you?
- 10. Ian invited each of us to step into an area of service within Love Costa Mesa (Prayer, Education, Neighboring, City's Greatest Need). The same can be said for our engagement within Harbor Trinity. Which area are you planning to step in (first time serving) or step up (increase engagement)?