

FCEMF Meeting Minutes  
Christ the Rock Community Church  
March 7, 2017

Welcome by Shawn Whitworth

In attendance: Tony Beach, Landon Churchill, Larry Creamer, Bruce Dailey, Becky Deuel, Alvin Dupree, Paul Franzmeier, Vaughn Groen, Bill Lenz, Tami McLaughlin, Steve Nickel, Eric Omdal, Trish Propson, Jason Steger, Jerry Wallendal, Shawn Whitworth

Devotional: Bill Lenz

When Jesus was asked about the greatest commandment, He said to love God and love others as yourself. He has been intrigued in the last few years about the Last Supper and what happened and what was said. The Gospel of John spends five chapters on what Jesus said, what He taught and what He did. It was Jesus final moments. What did He want to make sure the disciples knew? What are the major themes that came out of the heart of Jesus?

John 13 It started with a meal and washing their feet. What does it mean to wash one another's feet, to serve one another? Another theme was about different ways to be in relationship with Jesus, abiding in Him. Then the theme of loving one another and the role of the Holy Spirit.

John 13:34-35 We are to love even as He has loved us, that people will know we are His disciples because we love each other. Jesus called them to follow Him. They chose to follow Him, but not who they were following Him with. It probably wasn't easy to love each other because they were so different. At the Last Supper, He called them to love one another so that people would know they were His disciples. The foundation of any attempt to persuade the world is to put Trinitarian love on display – not necessarily how we love the world, but how we love each other.

John 17 Jesus high priestly prayer. Jesus had alone time with the Father but He prayed out loud so that the disciples could hear. He is talking to the One with whom He had been in unity since the beginning. One of the things He prayed about was the unity of the disciples – that they would be one like the Father, Son and Spirit are. How do the persons of the trinity get along? What is the oneness of that unity? We are invited into that unity. Jesus prayed that His followers would be one as the Triune God is one. It is reciprocating love toward each other all the time with no sin. But when you look at most believers, we think that will never happen.

What do we think Trinitarian unity is like? He made man in His image and likeness because He wanted to create someone to invite into that unity. The church is supposed to reflect the redemptive purpose of the Gospel, unite us with Him and with each other.

Jesus wouldn't have prayed it if it wasn't possible. What are some steps we can take among our team as pastors? What does it look like for our churches to live that out?  
John 17:21 That the world will know that He sent Jesus if the followers are one.

Interactive discussion on this topic

Broke off into prayer groups to pray for the churches in this valley and for the unity of the Body of Christ

Closing Prayer

Treasurer's Report: \$54.00 was collected today.  
Our current account balance is \$302.21.

Send all events to Becky so they can be forwarded to everyone.

Our next meeting will be April 4<sup>th</sup> at Grace Christian Fellowship.