

A stone wall background with a white rectangular area in the center containing the text "Growing a Healthy Church". The stone wall is composed of various shades of grey, tan, and reddish-brown stones, arranged in a pattern that suggests a traditional masonry style. The white area is a solid, bright white rectangle that frames the text.

Growing a Healthy Church



Series Outline

I. Filling Hearts

- A. Christ the fulness
- B. The church as a bride

II. Overflowing hearts

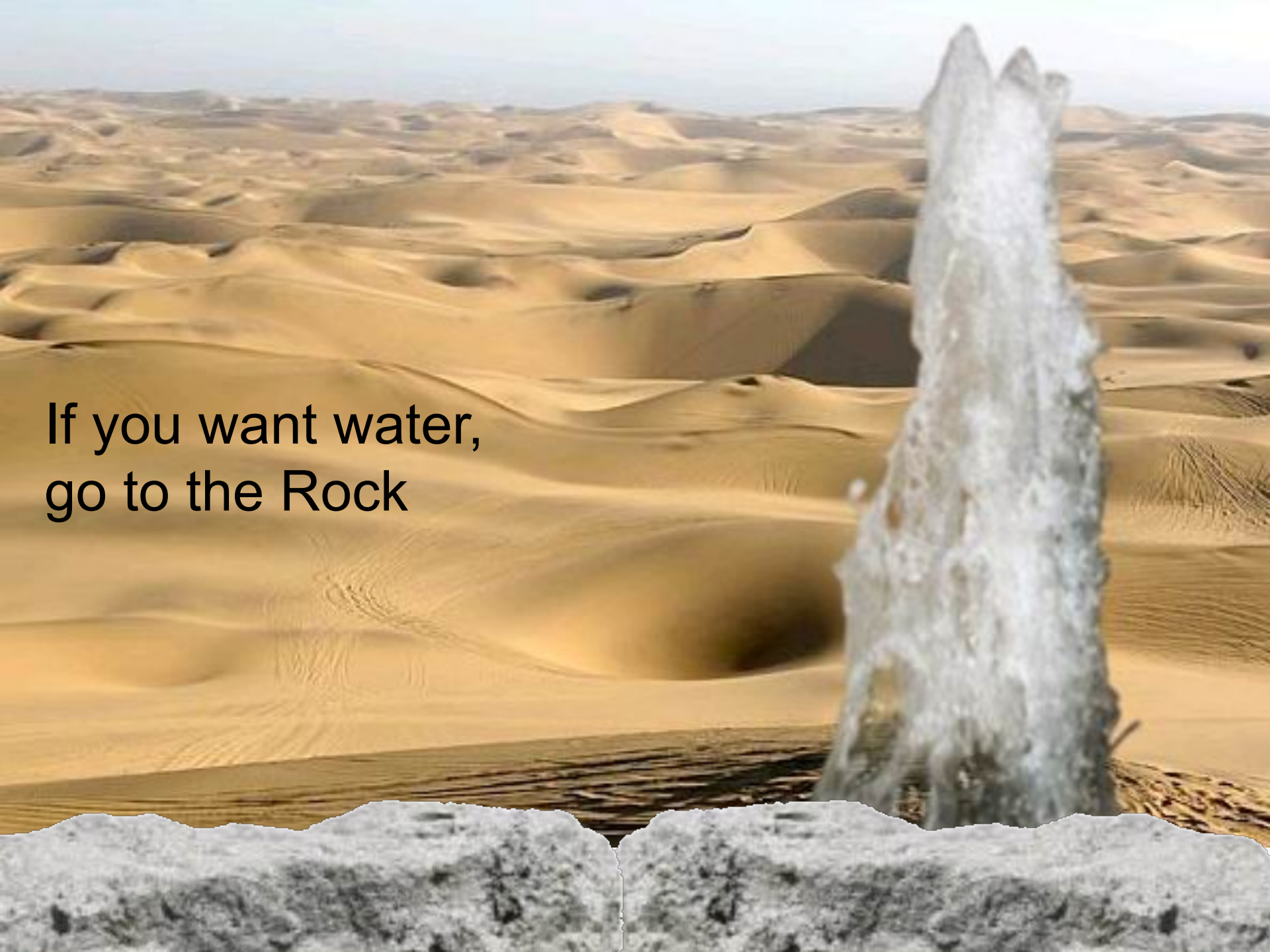
- A. The attractive quality of true fellowship
- B. Outreach that works
- C. Living and life-giving worship
- D. The prayer meeting you can't miss

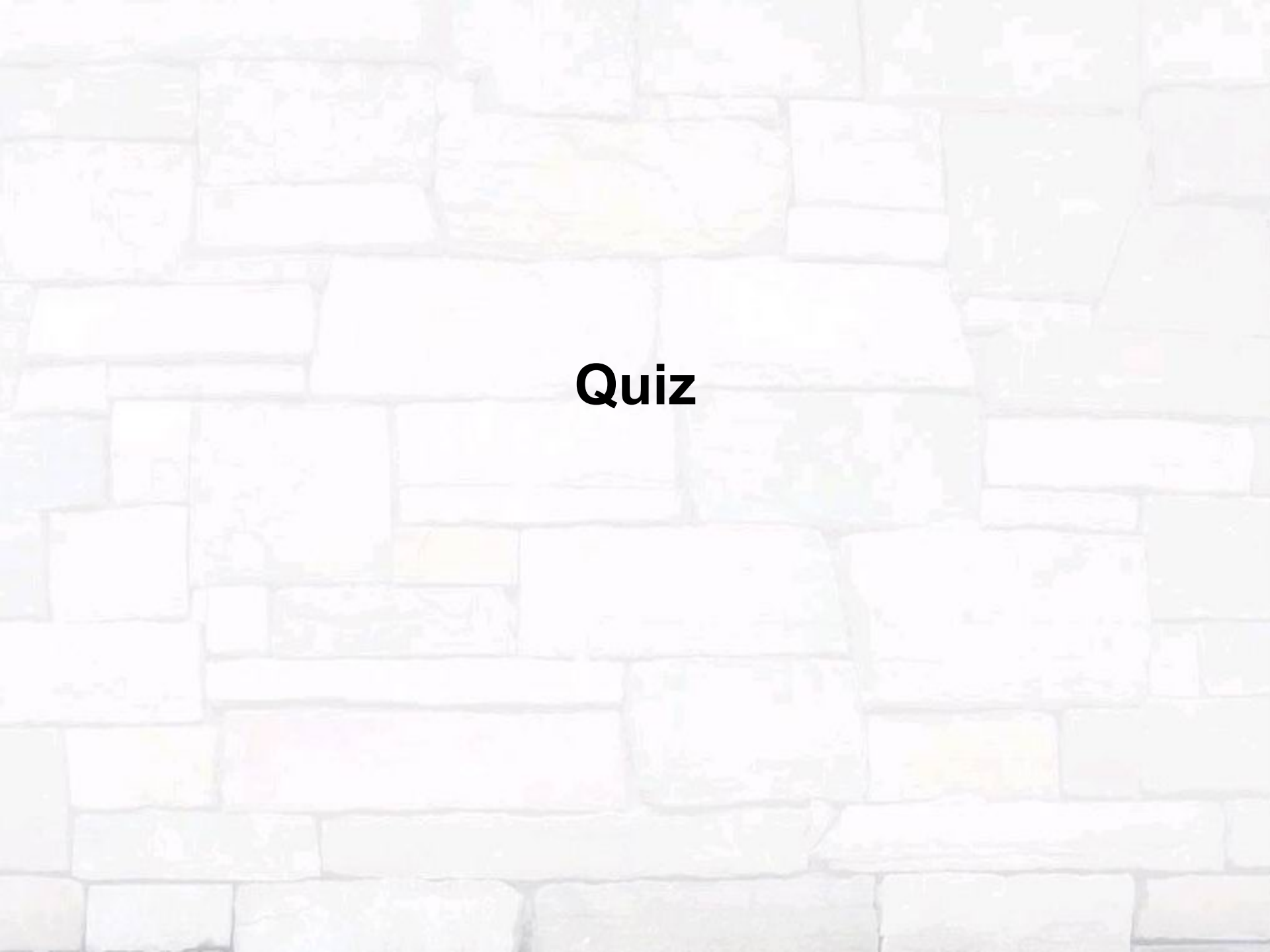







If you want water,
go to the Rock





Quiz

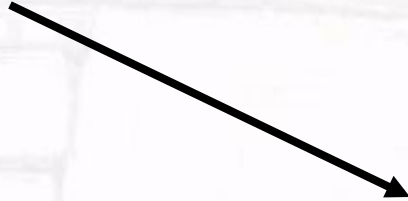


Matt. 18:15 - 20



**The Greek word for “agree”
is ‘*sumphoneo*’**

sum phoneo



“together” + “to sound”

To sound together

(English word: symphony)

In temporal things:

harmony = musical unity

In spiritual things:

harmony = heart unity

(Not uniformity!)

How important is “heart unity” in assembly prayer



The difference between “heart unity” and
“superficial unity” is the difference between
answered prayer and unanswered prayer !

Basic truths about heart unity

1. Heart unity is active

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1. Heart unity is active
2. Heart unity is a result
3. Heart unity requires work

Cultivating heart unity in the assembly

Foundational

- John 17:11
- Gal. 5:20
- Ps. 133

Cultivating heart unity in the assembly

Practical work

Assembly functions: Acts 2:42

apostles doctrine (teaching)

fellowship

breaking of bread

prayer

Cultivating heart unity in the assembly

Practical work

Teaching

Ephesians 4 The foundation of unity

The overflowing heart receives the Word
with readiness of mind (Acts 17:11)

Cultivating heart unity in the assembly

Practical work

Fellowship

Philippians 2

The workshop of unity

The overflowing heart finds joy in likeminded
relationships (Phil. 2:1 - 3)

Cultivating heart unity in the assembly

Practical work

Breaking of Bread

I Corinthians 11 The test of unity

The overflowing heart carries for others in remembering and worshipping the Lord; I Cor. 11:33

Cultivating heart unity in the assembly

Practical work

Prayer

Matthew 18

The reward of unity

The overflowing heart rejoices in
answered prayer (Luke 10:21)

Cultivating heart unity in the assembly

Practical work

- 1) Holiness in private
- 2) Courtesy in public
- 3) Boldness in leadership
- 4) Vigilance in fellowship

Summary

The difference between “heart unity” and “superficial unity” is the difference between answered prayer and unanswered prayer !

Believers gathering to pray in heart unity, simply overflow before the throne of grace in thanksgiving and petition.

The joy and excitement caused by being with believers with overflowing hearts, and by praise for answered prayer, makes the assembly prayer meeting, the meeting you can't miss!

Conclusion

A healthy, growing church is marked by:

1. People with a healthy, growing relationship with the Lord
2. A healthy view of the church as a spotless bride; not a mixed multitude
3. Overflowing fellowship inside
4. Overflowing witness outside
5. Overflowing worship and prayer upward

Jesus said:

“Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free” Jn 8:32