



The Fellowship

"Biblical Fellowship is not merely hanging out or just being around people, although sometimes it might look like that. Biblical fellowship is intentional relationships with a biblical community that is pointed at living lives that reflect the love of Jesus to the world around us. It is purposeful discipling relationships that encourage, support, and challenge one another to a deeper, more holy life lived for the Lord. Fellowship isn't merely a state of being, but an action. How do we "do" Fellowship? Let's work through this together this week."

INTRODUCTION ACTIVITY:

Would you say you are more of an introvert or an extrovert? Do you love being around people or does being around people zap your energy and you prefer to be alone to recharge?

MEMORY VERSE:

Acts 2:42-47

"42 And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. 43 And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. 44 And all who believed were together and had all things in common. 45 And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. 46 And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in

their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, 47 praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.”

SCRIPTURE READING:

Acts 2:42

*“And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the **fellowship**, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.”*

1 Corinthians 1:9

*“God is faithful, by whom you were called into the **fellowship** of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.”*

2 Corinthians 6:14

*“Do not be unequally yoked with unbelievers. For what **partnership** has righteousness with lawlessness? Or what **fellowship** has light with darkness?”*

1 John 1:3

*“that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have **fellowship** with us; and indeed our **fellowship** is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ.”*

1 John 1:6-7

*“If we say we have **fellowship** with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have **fellowship** with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.”*

Philippians 1:5

*“...because of your **partnership** in the gospel from the first day until now.”*

Philippians 2:1

*“So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any **participation** in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy,”*

Philippians 3:10

*“...that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may **share** his sufferings, becoming like him in his death...”*

Hebrews 13:16

*“Do not neglect to do good and to **share** what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.”*

Romans 15:26

*“For Macedonia and Achaia have been pleased to make some **contribution** for the poor among the saints at Jerusalem.”*

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. How do you experience fellowship in the family at Adventure of Faith?
2. Pastor CJ talked about how the word used for Fellowship can be translated many different ways- sharing, contribution, participation, partnership, etc. How does this augment our understanding of biblical fellowship?
3. The Church practices koinonia when it helps to alleviate poverty in communities (Romans 15:26), when it financially supports others and focuses on sharing the good news of the Kingdom (2 Corinthians 8:4), and when it generously gives its resources (2 Corinthians 9:13; Hebrews 13:16). How do you practice this aspect of fellowship?
4. While the sharing of practical resources is a crucial part of what it means to have fellowship, it cannot be done apart from fellowship with God. It all originates from a loving koinonia with the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 1:9; 2 Corinthians 13:14; Philippians 2:1, 3:10; 1 John 1:3;), which expands to enjoying koinonia with one another (Ephesians 3:9). Overall, the foundation of our fellowship begins with entering into the fellowship that existed long before we did. We must have God at the center of our Biblical fellowship. How can we reorient our friendships in the church to be more focused on the Lord?
5. Imagine a large table set for 20 guests and waiting for a delicious spread of food. The host has invited you and every other guest to contribute a dish to the meal. Whatever is served at this big table will be the result of each guest's stinginess or generosity. Would you bring your best dish, or would you grab something from the store last minute? Would you eat a big meal before, just in case everyone else brings leftovers? What would you share? And what would you hope others would bring to the table? Now again, imagine that large table. The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit have invited you alongside all who would receive his invitation. It's a potluck. God has given his very best

and invited you to join him. So what do you share? And what do you hope others will bring to the table? This is Biblical Fellowship.

CLOSING PRAYER ACTIVITY:

Invite someone to close the group in prayer.



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