Fellowship

You were formed for God's family

What is Fellowshipping Together?

Believers that come together and deepen their relationships with one another.

Why do we need Fellowship?

You are members of God's very own family… and you belong in God's household with every other Christian. **Ephesians 2:19b (TLB)**

How do we Fellowship?

A Fellowship only begins with two or more people who share a common relationship, interest, or purpose.

What characteristics are required to fellowship?

You need to be ***intentiona****l* and ***relational***. Jesus intentionally called on his disciples to follow him and built relationships with them in a small group setting.

Be Intentional: Know when to say hi, invite, attend and plan for a purpose.

- Be the first to say "Hi" when the opportunity comes.
- Plan and take time for a one on one (coffee/lunch), small group retreat, weekend get together, attend special events (wedding, funeral, baby shower, and birthday party etc.).

Be Relational: Build a healthy relationship in a smaller group setting or one on one. Create a relational environment that will model authenticity and transparency.

- Start a conversation and build towards getting to know each other.
- Be Likeable, build trust, learn to commit to one another.

What stops us from fellowshipping?

- Shyness
- Introvert
- Socially awkward
- Low self-esteem
- No time/money
- Discouragements/hurt
- More time spent with outside friends/family

The Four Levels of Fellowship

1. The Fellowship of *Sharing* together **Acts 2:44**
    - When you let people into your home, you let them into your life. You can't learn to love people if you're always shutting them out.
    - Share your experiences (Good/Bad) **1 Corinthian 14:26-31**
    - Share your support **Romans 12:15**
    - Time, money and gifts.
    - Retreats, lunch, or simple coffee time together.

2. The Fellowship of *Belonging* Together **Ephesians 2:19b**
    - God wants every one of us to belong to a church family.
    - Being a Christian is more than just believing-it's belonging. Without a church, you don't have a spiritual home. **Romans 12:5**
    - Small group is more intimate
    - That's "my" church family

3. The Fellowship of *Serving* Together **1 Corinthians 3:9a**
    - Two people are better than one, because they get more done by working together**. Ecclesiastes 4:9**
    - Waiting for opportunities to serve
    - Using your God given gifts/talents to serve
    - Praying for one another continuously
    - **Ephesians 4:16**

4. The Fellowship of *Suffering* Together **Galatians 6.2**
    - When you serve together, you do your part, but when you suffer together, you share your heart. **1 Corinthians 12:26a**
    - We know what real love is because Christ gave up his life for us, and so we also ought to give up our lives for our Christian brothers and sisters. **1 John 3.16**
    - Death in family (Funeral)

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