



“Fellowship” Pastor Notes Week 3

Eph. 1:5 NLT “His unchanging plan has always been to adopt us into His own family by bringing us to Himself through Jesus Christ.”

The second Life Defining purpose for our lives is “Fellowship”

Definition... “Fellowship is all about loving God's family.”

I John 4:21 (TLB) “And God himself has said that one must love not only God but his brother too.”

TRUE FELLOWSHIP IS DEVELOPED IN FOUR STEPS

1. Choosing to belong

Ephesians 2:19 LB “You are members of God's very own family and you belong in God's household with every other Christian.”

Romans 12:5 NIV “In Christ we who are many form one Body, and each member belongs to all the others.”

2. Friendship

Acts 2:44 LB “All the believers met together constantly and shared everything with each other.”

What are we to share?

Experiences

Proverbs 27:17 NCV “As iron sharpens iron, so people can improve each other.”

Homes

I Peter 4:9 NCV “open up your homes to each other, without complaining.”

Our problems

Galatians 6:2 NLT “Share each other's burdens in this way you obey the law of Christ.”

Hebrews 10:25 GNT “Let us not give up the habit of meeting together, as some are doing. Instead, let us encourage one another all the more, since you see that the Day of the Lord is coming nearer.”

3. Partnership

1 Corinthians, 3:9. GNT “We are partners working together for God.”

Ephesians 4:16 NLT “The whole body is fitted together perfectly as each part does its own special work, it helps the other parts grow, so that the whole Body is healthy and growing and full of love.”

Matthew 25:40, “Just as you did it to one of the least of these who are the members of my family, you did it to Me.”

4. Kinship

Acts 2:42 CEV “They spent their time learning from the apostles, and they were like family to each other. They also broke bread and prayed together.”

Romans 12:10a ESV “Love one another with brotherly affection

John 13:34-35 TLB “And so I am giving a new commandment to you now—love each other just as much as I love you. 35 Your strong love for each other will prove to the world that you are my disciples.”





“Fellowship” Small Group Discussion Week 3

The second LifeDefining purpose for your lives is “Fellowship” connecting with God’s family. Loving God, is called “Worship,” loving each other, is called “Fellowship.”

Definition... “Fellowship is all about loving God's family.”

“And God himself has said that one must love not only God, but his brother too.”

Q. How would you describe God’s family?

Q. Who is in God’s family?

Discuss this statement: God creates everybody, but not everybody is a child of God. “His (God) unchanging plan has always been to adopt us into His own family by bringing us to Himself through Jesus Christ.” -Ephesians 1:5 NLT

Discuss this statement: The story of God is a story of God building a family.

TRUE FELLOWSHIP IS DEVELOPED IN FOUR STEPS

1. Choosing to belong. (Finding a church family and choosing to connect.)

Discuss this statement: You were meant to belong. The Christian life is more than believing, it is a matter of belonging. We must choose to belong to a fellowship.

Q. Why belong to a fellowship? “You are members of God's very own family and you belong in God's household with every other Christian.” - Ephesians 2:19 LB

2. Friendship. (Learning to share, developing deep friendships)

“All the believers met together constantly and shared everything with each other.” -Acts 2:44 LB
They shared their Homes, Experiences, Struggles or problems

Discuss this statement: How much should I share of my life and resources?

3. Partnership. (Coming to realize how making a contribution on my part is vital.)

Discuss this statement: You must discover where you fit in the body.

“The whole body is fitted together perfectly as each part does its own special work, it helps the other parts grow, so that the whole Body is healthy and growing and full of love.” - Ephesians 4:16 NLT

Q. What does this verse mean to you? Just as you did it to one of the least of these who are the members of my family, you did it to Me.” -Matthew 25 :40 NIV

4. Kinship. (Loving believers like family)

“Love one another with brotherly affection.” -Romans 12:10a ESV

Discuss this statement: If we miss kinship, we have missed a major part of what defines our lives. “And so I am giving a new commandment to you now—love each other just as much as I love you. Your strong love for each other will prove to the world that you are my disciples.” - John 13:34-35 TLB

HELPING PEOPLE CONNECT WITH GOD,
FIND SIGNIFICANCE, AND ENJOY LIFE.

