

**Fellowship****Objectives:**

1. A growing sense of identity with other believers.
2. A developing habit of attending local church gatherings.
3. A growing understanding of God's principles for relationships.

**Materials**

- Fellowship* packet.
- No Secrets* by John Meyer.

**Tasks:***During the Meeting:*

- Discuss the *The Word* teaching.
- Review Joshua 1:8-9
- Go through the *Fellowship* packet.

*Homework:*

- Listen to the *No Secrets* teaching.
- Memorize Hebrews 10:24-25 before the next meeting.

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No soldier could ever win a battle if he was all by himself. Even if he had a machine gun and the enemy had only rocks to throw, he would eventually lose when he ran out of ammunition. In the same way, no Christian can survive spiritually without the constant support and protection of other believers. Who you spend your time with is probably the single most important factor for growth. Let's take a look at that the Bible has to say on this subject.

**WHO?**

**1. Think about Proverbs 13:20.**

A. How can you be a wise person?

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B. What will happen to a person who makes unbelievers or who makes rebellious people his *closest* companions?

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**2. Think carefully about 2 Corinthians 6:14-18.**

A. Why should we not be bound together or closely united with unbelievers?

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B. Being united with unbelievers is the same as being a partner with lawlessness, darkness, Belial (Satan) or idols. True or False?

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C. What command does God give us concerning unbelievers? (verse 17)

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D. Who will be your close friend and companion if you obey this command? (vs. 17-18)

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**3. What can you be absolutely assured of if you make unbelievers your *closest* friends**

1 Corinthians 15:33 \_\_\_\_\_

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**4. In 1 Peter 4:3-5**

A. What things does God want you to avoid?

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B. What response can you expect from unbelievers when you refuse to participate in these things? (verse 4)

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**5. What should be our only purpose in being with unbelievers? 1 Corinthians 9:19**

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**6. Whom did David choose as his companions? Psalm 119:63**

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**7. With whom did the Christians in Jerusalem spend their time? Acts 2:42-47**

- old friends
- the most popular person in town
- those who lived next door
- those who were believers

**8. How do you think the verses in the preceding questions apply to the following areas of your life: who you live with, who you spend your time with, who you marry?**

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**WHAT?**

**1. The book of Acts is written as a pattern book for our lives.** What were four things that the Jerusalem Christians did when they came together?

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- B. \_\_\_\_\_
- C. \_\_\_\_\_
- D. \_\_\_\_\_

**2. How often and with what intensity did they do these things?**

- once in a while
- every Sunday
- continually, with great desire and devotion
- continually, but with reluctance
- with great eagerness, only once a month

**3. What is one characteristic of the relationship that God wants us to have with other believers?** Romans 12:10

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**WHERE?**

**1. Where did the Christians in the New Testament often assemble?** Read Romans 16:5, 1 Corinthians 16:19, Colossians 4:15, Philemon 2.

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**2. Where did Paul meet with and instruct the Christians at Ephesus?** Acts 20:20

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**WHY?**

**1. There is a major factor for healthy spiritual growth that can come only as you constantly unite with other Christians. What is it? Philippians 3:17**

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**2. There are many spiritual qualities that you can never learn unless you are committing yourself to regular fellowship with a group of Christians. What is one of them? John 13:34,35**

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**3. What analogies does God use to illustrate a group of Christians?**

- A. Romans 12:4-5 \_\_\_\_\_
- B. 2 Timothy 2:4 \_\_\_\_\_
- C. Galatians 6:10 \_\_\_\_\_

**4. What would happen to a young child that left his family and tried to make it alone, or to a leg that separated itself from the body, or to a soldier that went out to meet the enemy without the rest of his army?**

- A. Child \_\_\_\_\_
- B. Leg \_\_\_\_\_
- C. Soldier \_\_\_\_\_
- D. How can you apply these illustrations to you life?  
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**3. In the New Testament the word "church" meant "a called out gathering." It never referred to a building. According to this definition and the verses in the preceding two question, does a fellowship of believers have to have a church building to be a church?**

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**Fellowship****WHEN?**

**1. What are we warned against in Hebrews 10:25?**

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**2. According to Hebrews 3:13, how often does God want us to fellowship with and encourage other believers? (See also Acts 2:46, Acts 5:42)**

- once a week
- during our Bible study
- every day
- on Sundays only

**3. What will be the result of anything less? Hebrews 3:13**

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**4. What practical steps can you take to be getting fellowship and encouragement from other Christians in your city, neighborhood, job, or school?**

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**Questions for Thought:**

1. What do you remember most about this study?

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2. What changes in your life do you think should be made as a result of this study?

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**“Following the Lord and doing His will, will link you heart to heart and shoulder to shoulder with the highest quality men and women upon the face of the earth.”**