

Fellowship

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I. Introduction.

A. There are certain things that only God can do to make you a more effective Christian, such as giving you peace.

B. There are certain things you can do to become a more effective Christian. This fundamentally means obedience.

1. Christ must remain at the center.
2. The obedient Christian must get into the Word.
3. The obedient Christian must be in prayer.
4. The obedient Christian must be in fellowship.
5. The obedient Christian must witness.



II. Fellowship.

A. Fellowship is a difficult word among Christians that has been watered down today.

B. Fellowship is something deeper than what we have in common. (1 John 1:3)

1. It ought to bring a person closer to God the Father - it is not about theological points, but a Person.
2. This does not mean that you have to talk about God all the time.
3. This does not mean a lecture.
4. This could simply be everyday conduct.

B. Fellowship is something amazing. (Matthew 8:18-20)

1. We cannot operate all on our own.
2. Praying with one another has power to restore perspective.
3. Fellowship changes life.

C. Fellowship is something that is self-emptying. Sharing yourself is a great way out of the dungeon of self. (Acts 2:43)

D. The need for fellowship.

1. Fellowship needs to be added to worship, not replaced.
2. "Half-way houses" are needed so that new believers can engage in fellowship outside the institutional church.
3. Our brothers are needed so that we grow in the body of Christ.

III. How to do fellowship.

A. The key word: "sharing."

B. You share Christ and discover Him together as the apostles did.

C. You share the Word of God and instruct one another in it. (Colossians 3:16, Romans 16:4, Romans 15:14)

D. You pray with one another - this brings life to the fellowship.

E. You need a cause so that the group becomes a band such as witnessing or prayer.

Application questions.

1. Why is the church in such need of fellowship today? How do you see this need in your own church?

2. How are we to address the need for fellowship in the church? Why is it important that a group be assembled for a purpose?

3. What Christian fellowship do you have? Would this qualify as fellowship according to the speaker? If not, what can you do to engage in fellowship?
