

Skip Speaks to Men

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I. Introduction.

A. Subject: essentials in the ministry.

B. Text: Acts 2:42.

II. Doctrine.

A. We must continue steadfastly in doctrine.

B. Doctrine will not matter to those we minister to unless we do inductive Bible study.

C. The man who makes a discovery is the one who speaks with authority. (Mark 1:22, II Timothy 1:7)

III. Fellowship.

A. Men need fellowship.

B. The basis of fellowship is Jesus Christ.

C. Fellowship can be had anywhere. (Acts 15)

D. Fellowship is companionship in a common life and destiny.

E. Levels of fellowship with others.

1. In the gospel. (Philippians 1:5)

2. In the person of the Spirit. (Philippians 2:1)

3. In Jesus' sufferings. (Philippian 3:10, Galatians 4:19)

IV. Breaking the bread.

A. This can refer to sharing possessions.

B. This is not communism.

V. Prayer. (John 17)

VI. We must be approachable as Jesus was. (I John 1:1)

A. We must plan our lives so that others do not plan it for us.

B. We must open up our lives to trustworthy individuals. (Luke 22:28)

C. Jesus did not have an arm-length's relationship with the disciples.

Application questions:

1. How can you teach a young Christian doctrine?

2. How can we strive for deeper fellowship with believers? Explain.

3. Why is prayer a critical component of training young Christians?
