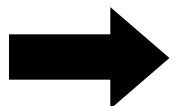


DEVOTED: Devoted to Fellowship: Biblical fellowship is much more than a church potluck. Fellowship is how God intended for the church to grow into a dwelling place for His Spirit.

1. What are some of biggest benefits and blessings you receive from being in fellowship with other Christians?
2. What did you hear during this Sunday's "Devoted to Fellowship" sermon that has stuck with you? What was your perspective on Biblical fellowship before this message?
3. **Read Acts 2:42-47.** Think about the real-life situation these believers were in. Large amounts of people are in Jerusalem for Pentecost from many different countries. Many had no place to stay, especially for an extended period of time as the movement of the early church gathered and strengthened. Acts 2 tells us the early church devoted themselves to fellowship with one another. **What are the barriers they would have had to overcome to experience true fellowship with one another? List some of the "costs of fellowship" these early believers would have had during this period of time in the life of the early church.** (*Hint: Think of opening your homes, feeding people, sharing life, etc.*)
4. If Jesus were on the earth today, and you were able to ask Him to point out the church so you could find it, where do you think He would go to show you the church? After you've answered this question, **read Matthew 18:20.**



5. How would you explain “the church” to someone who has no knowledge of Christianity? How does the idea of Biblical fellowship shape your answer?

6. Read Ephesians 2:19-22. What is the church likened to in these verses? What is the role of Christians in this “building”? What is the role of Biblical fellowship in this kind of building?

7. Ephesians 2:22 calls the church a “dwelling place for God through the Spirit.” Think about the different places God dwells in your life - your body, your marriage, your family, your LifeGroup, your church. Which of these “dwelling places for God” needs the most work? Who can you seek out to help you in that area?

8. Biblical fellowship isn’t just about gathering together in God-centered ways. Fellowship works to fight against isolation. Isolation leads to disconnection. Disconnected people rarely every grow in their faith because they’re trying to go it alone. **Who, in your circle of influence, do you need to reach out to because they are at risk for isolation and disconnection? Now, how and when are you going to reach out to them?**

Prayer Time: Praying together is one of the best ways to grow together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit. Pray that all of the places God dwells in your life become fitting places for the Spirit to flourish. Pray that the Spirit teaches you, admonishes you, and sets you on the path to accomplish His will.

“ONE-ANOTHER’S” IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

UPCOMING: DEVOTED SEMINAR coming up on Sunday, November 22 from 3-7pm. The author of the **DEVOTED** book, Arron Chambers, will be here and conducting this seminar.

“One another” is two words in English, but it’s only one word in Greek: ἀλλήλων (*ah-LAY-loan*). It’s used in 100 times in 94 New Testament verses. 47 of those verses give instructions to the church, and 60% of those instructions come from Paul.

UNITY. One third of the one-another commands deal with the unity of the church.

- 1 Be at peace with one another (Mk 9:50)
- 2 Don’t grumble among one another (Jn 6:43)
- 3 Be of the same mind with one another (Ro 12:16, 15:5)
- 4 Accept one another (Ro 15:7)
- 5 Wait for one another before beginning the Eucharist (1 Co 11:33)
- 6 Don’t bite, devour, and consume one another—seriously, guys, don’t eat each other (Ga 5:15)
- 7 Don’t boastfully challenge or envy one another (Ga 5:26).
- 8 Gently, patiently tolerate one another (Ep 4:2)
- 9 Be kind, tender-hearted, and forgiving to one another (Ep 4:32)
- 10 Bear with and forgive one another (Co 3:13)
- 11 Seek good for one another, and don’t repay evil for evil (1 Th 5:15)
- 12 Don’t complain against one another (Jas 4:11, 5:9)
- 13 Confess sins to one another (Jas 5:16)

LOVE. One third of them instruct Christians to love one another.

- 1 Love one another (Jn 13:34, 15:12, 17; Ro 13:8; 1 Th 3:12, 4:9; 1 Pe 1:22; 1 Jn 3:11, 4:7, 11; 2 Jn 5)
- 2 Through love, serve one another (Ga 5:13)
- 3 Tolerate one another in love (Ep 4:2)
- 4 Greet one another with a kiss of love (1 Pe 5:14)
- 5 Be devoted to one another in love (Ro 12:10)

HUMILITY. About 15% stress an attitude of humility and deference among believers.

- 1 Give preference to one another in honor (Ro 12:10)
- 2 Regard one another as more important than yourselves (Php 2:3)
- 3 Serve one another (Ga 5:13)
- 4 Wash one another’s feet (Jn 13:14)
- 5 Don’t be haughty: be of the same mind (Ro 12:16)
- 6 Be subject to one another (Ep 5:21)
- 7 Clothe yourselves in humility toward one another (1 Pe 5:5)

Here’s the rest:

- 1 Do not judge one another, and don’t put a stumbling block in a brother’s way (Ro 14:13)
- 2 Greet one another with a kiss (Ro 16:16; 1 Co 16:20; 2 Co 13:12)
- 3 Husbands and wives: don’t deprive one another of physical intimacy (1 Co 7:5)
- 4 Bear one another’s burdens (Ga 6:2)
- 5 Speak truth to one another (Ep 4:25)
- 6 Don’t lie to one another (Co 3:9)
- 7 Comfort one another concerning the resurrection (1 Th 4:18)
- 8 Encourage and build up one another (1 Th 5:11)
- 9 Stimulate one another to love and good deeds (He 10:24)
- 10 Pray for one another (Jas 5:16)
- 11 Be hospitable to one another (1 Pe 4:9)