

FELLOWSHIP

The Christian life is to be lived as a cooperating member of a team. It cannot be lived out fully through personal discipleship and individual obedience. The principles of Fellowship (the heart attitudes and “one-anothers”) must be practiced as a team not as a lone individual. God has called us to live in unity and harmony with one another— to love, forgive, encourage, share His word, and share our lives and possessions with others.

Disciples who follow Jesus...

- Desire to be involved in a community that focuses on God’s word, prayer, witnessing, and fellowship. (from the Wheel Illustration) *Philippians 2:1-4*
- Value the goals and interests of others above their own. *Philippians 2:4*
- Desire for everyone to have fellowship with the body of believers. *1 John 1:3; Proverbs 27:17; Ecclesiastes 4:9-10*
- Aspire to live an honest, open life before others. *Ephesians 4:25*
- Commit to clearing up relationships. *Matthew 5:23-24, 18:15,35*

... Therefore, your commitments are:

- Video: (during group meeting) and Study Guide: “[Building Satisfying Relationships](#)” Harold Bullock (take notes on following pages)
- Bible Study: Use the Devotional Method in the Appendix to study at least 2 of:
 - 1 John 1:1-7
 - Ephesians 4:1-6
 - Colossians 3:12-15
 - Acts 2:42-45
- Read: “The One Anothers” and discuss how they apply to fellowship
- Spend time with another member from your group to see how they are doing and ask God for ways to encourage them.
- Memorize **one** of the following passages about fellowship:
 - Hebrews 10:24-25 with topic: Encouraging other Believers
 - 1 John 1:3 with topic: Fellowship
 - 1 John 1:7 with topic: Walking in the Light
- Meditate: HA #4 and supporting verse Matthew 5:23-24
- Share your KEY THOUGHT on Social Media or in a text with someone
- Have a Quiet Time *with* a friend
- Attend CV, take notes, and write down one insight to share with your group

BEFORE YOU MOVE ON:

How does having a firm grasp on your identity in Jesus affect the depth and quality of your relationships with other believers?

Building Satisfying Relationships

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The Biblical Understanding of Relationships

- We were meant for relationships. *Genesis 2:18*
- We need the help of others found in relationships. *Ecclesiastes 4:9-12; Proverbs 27:10*
- For this reason, an unfriendly person has poor judgment. *Proverbs 18:1*
- Friendships can bring joy to our hearts. *Proverbs 27:9*
- We need to choose our friendship wisely. *Proverbs 27:17; Proverbs 12:26; Proverbs 13:20; 1 Corinthians 15:33*

Some Relationship Insights:

1. Relationships ought to be _____beneficial.
Philippians 2:3-4
2. The relationship should have an atmosphere of _____ to it: the choice to relate or not, deepen or not.
2 Corinthians 3:17; Ecclesiastes 7:26; Galatians 5:1
3. Relationships require _____: time, energy, emotion.
The deeper the relationship, the greater the investment.
4. Relationships require _____to another's best.
Matthew 22:38-40; Matthew 7:12; Luke 6:31
5. Relationships require _____*Proverbs 19:22*
6. The Key Ingredients: Love and Faithfulness. *Proverbs 3:3-4*
7. Relationships need maintenance: communication and forgiveness.
Proverbs 16:6
8. Relationships will reveal new things about you.

	KNOWN TO OTHERS	NOT KNOWN
KNOWN TO YOU		
NOT KNOWN		

The “One-Anothers”

How a Disciple Relates to People

The “One Anothers” tell us what to do...

Love One Another

- Love one another: John 13:34; John 15:12; John 15:17; Romans 13:8; 1 Thessalonians 4:9; 1 John 3:11; 1 John 3:23; 1 John 4:7; 1 John 4:11; 1 John 4:12; 2 John 1:5
- Love for one another: John 13:35
- Increase and abound in love for one another: 1 Thessalonians 3:12
- The love toward one another grows: 2 Thessalonians 1:3
- Fervently love one another: 1 Peter 1:22; 1 Peter 4:8

And how to do it...

HA-1 Put the Goals and Interests of Others Above My Own

- Be devoted to one another: Romans 12:10
- Give preference to one another in honor: Romans 12:10
- Care for one another: 1 Corinthians 12:25
- Serve one another: Galatians 5:13
- Be subject to one another: Ephesians 5:21
- Regard one another as more important than himself: Philippians 2:3
- Always seek after that which is good for one another: 1 Thessalonians 5:15
- Wait for one another: 1 Corinthians 11:33
- Employ (gifts) in serving one another: 1 Peter 4:10
- Be hospitable to one another: 1 Peter 4:9
- Clothe yourselves with humility toward one another: 1 Peter 5:5
- Greet one another: Romans 16:16; 1 Corinthians 16:20; 2 Corinthians 13:12; 1 Peter 5:14
- Building up of one another: Romans 14:19; 1 Thessalonians 11
- Encourage one another: 1 Thessalonians 5:11; Hebrews 3:13; Hebrews 10:25
- Stimulate one another to love and good deeds: Hebrews 10:24
- Be kind to one another: Ephesians 4:32
- Comfort one another: 1 Thessalonians 4:18

HA-2 Live Honest, Open Life Before Others

- Accept one another: Romans 15:7
- Do not speak against one another: James 4:11
- Do not complain... against one another: James 5:9
- Do not lie to one another: Colossians 3:9
- Have fellowship with one another: 1 John 1:7
- Not judge one another: Romans 14:13
- Speak truth...we are members of one another: Ephesians 4:25
- Confess your sins to one another: James 5:16

HA-3 Give and Receive Scriptural Correction

- Admonish one another: Romans 15:14
- Teaching and admonishing one another: Colossians 3:16
- Speaking to one another in psalms, hymns...: Ephesians 5:19
- Pray for one another: James 5:16
- Be of the same mind toward one another: Romans 12:16; Romans 15:5

HA-4 Clear Up Relationships

- Be at peace with one another: Mark 9:50
- Live in peace with one another: 1 Thessalonians 5:13
- Bearing with one another, and forgiving each other: Colossians 3:13
- Showing forbearance to one another in love: Ephesians 4:2