



NEXT SESSION 5

THE HABIT OF FELLOWSHIP

“not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another; and all the more as you see the day drawing near.” Hebrews 10:25 (NASB)

"Let us not give up the habit of meeting together, as some are doing. Instead, let us encourage each other." Hebrews 10:25 (Ph)

WHY IS FELLOWSHIP SO IMPORTANT?

1. I NEED _____ TO GROW SPIRITUALLY.

"Let us think of one another and how we can encourage each other to love and do good deeds." Hebrews 10:24 (Ph)

one will lift up his companion. But woe to the one who falls when there is not another to lift him up...And if one can overpower him who is alone, two can resist him. A cord of three strands is not quickly torn apart." Ecclesiastes 4:9-10,12 (NASB)

2. I NEED _____ TO GROW SPIRITUALLY

"Iron sharpens iron, So one man sharpens another." Proverbs 27:17 (NASB)

"But encourage one another day after day, as long as it is still called "Today," so that none of you will be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin." Hebrews 3:13 (NASB)

"Brothers, if someone is trapped in some sin, you who are spiritual should restore him gently ... Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ." Galatians 6:1-2 (NABRE)

3. CHRIST IS _____ WHEN WE FELLOWSHIP TOGETHER.

Matthew 18:20 (NIV)

4. THERE IS _____ WHEN PEOPLE PRAY TOGETHER.

Matthew 18:19 (NIV)

5. FELLOWSHIP IS A _____ TO THE WORLD.

(Jesus) "My prayer for all of them is that they will be of one heart and mind .. so the world will believe you sent me." John 17:21(LB)

6. I AM _____ TO EVERY OTHER CHRISTIAN

"God has given you some special abilities; be sure to use them to help each other

..." 1 Peter 4:10 (LB)

"There are different kinds of service to God ... together you form the body of Christ and each one of you is a necessary part of it." 1 Corinthians 12:5, 27 (LB)

"Let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers." Galatians 6:10 (NIV)

"The Christian who is not committed to a group of other believers for praying, sharing, and serving, so that he is known, as he knows others, is not an obedient Christian. He is not in the will of God. However vocal he may be in his theology, he is not obeying the Lord." Dr. Ray Ortland

"You are a member of God's very own family ... and you belong in God's household with every other Christian." Ephesians 2:19 (LB)

"So in Christ, we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others!"

Romans 12:5 (NIV)

The "One Anothers" Of Fellowship (Partial list)

Serve one another	Galatians 5:13
Accept one another	Romans 15:7
Forgive one another	Colossians 3:13
Greet one another	Romans 16:16
Bear one another's burdens	Galatians 6:2
Be devoted to one another	Romans 12:10
Honor one another	Romans 12:10
Teach one another	Romans 15:14
Submit to one another	Ephesians 5:21
Encourage one another	1 Thessalonians 5:11

HOW CAN A LARGE CHURCH MAINTAIN CLOSE FRIENDSHIPS?

EVERY MEMBER NEEDS TO BE A PART OF A _____.

"(They met) day after day, in the Temple courts and from house to house." Acts 5:42 (NIV)

Two Types of Church Meetings

Large Group: Worship Service, Bible 101, Special Services

Small Group: Life Groups, D-Groups, Bible Study

At Liberty, we believe our church must grow _____ and _____ at the same time.

**WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF OUR SMALL GROUPS?
Acts 2:42-47**

1. _____
"They **DEVOTED THEMSELVES** to the apostle's teaching..."
2. _____
" ...and to the fellowship ..."
3. _____
" ... and to the breaking of bread ..."
4. _____
" ... and to prayer ..."
5. _____
" ... they gave to anyone as he had a need ..."
6. _____
" ... they ate together with glad and sincere hearts ..."
7. _____
" ... praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people."
8. _____
"And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved."