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Title: FELLOWSHIP TOGETHER: What is best?

Main Scripture: Philippians 1:9-11

**Fellowship in common identity in Christ**  
(Eph 4:4-6)

**Fellowship through participation with Paul**

**Fellowship through a shared future hope of God, faithfully completing what He had begun in them**

**FELLOWSHIP TOGETHER:**

- **Starts with loving in the right way**  
(1 Cor 13:4-8, 1 Jn 3:16)
- **Continues through priorities**  
(Jn 17:20-23)
- **Culminates as it bears good fruit which glorifies God and brings unity in the Church**  
(Gal 5:22-23)

## How might God be inviting me to fellowship with other believers through my daily habits and priorities?

- Would I sacrifice my time and energy to love them today?
- Will I remember others in prayer regularly throughout my day?
- Will I take time to prioritize fellowship through small group, serving, and doing life together with other believers?
- If there are needs around me, what is my response?
- Do I ask God about it and how He might desire me to join in meeting that need?
- Do I make an excuse about the busyness of my life, plead ignorance, or try to avoid those in need?
- What are my priorities?
- Is there anything that should be removed?
- Is there anything that should be reordered?
- Is there anything that should be added and prioritized at the top of the list?

# Fellowship Together: How do we do that? | October 14/15, 2023

Small Group Sermon Study | Philippians 1:9-11

**Prayer:** *Jesus, thank you for your written Word. May it speak to us and lead us into all Truth as we listen attentively to the leading of your Holy Spirit. Amen.*

**Icebreaker:** Have you ever experienced close friendships within the context of community as Pastor Kris described? How was the team or community dynamics of the group of which you were a part? Were you all unified? Was everyone invested in the relationships between one another?

**Read the key passage(s) of Scripture from the message and review the sermon notes, then answer the following questions:**

1. Talk with one another and share any thoughts, words, or pictures that this passage brings to your mind.
2. What does fellowship mean to you? What is the biblical flow of fellowship that Pastor Kris described as found within the first chapter of Philippians? What level of importance do you place upon fellowship in your life?
3. What are your thoughts on Pastor Kris' statement about the unity of the Body of Christ as referenced in Ephesians 4:4-6? Discuss.
4. What are the components that make up authentic, effective, and purposeful fellowship together as described by Pastor Kris?
5. How do knowledge and discernment relate to how we are to grow in love for each other?

**Silently re-read the key Scripture(s) from the message, asking the Holy Spirit to speak to you.**

1. Do you find that you are devoid of love at times? If so, what actions do you need to take to correct this?
2. Do you bring Christ into the daily decisions of your life? Especially in terms of those decisions that have to do with how you relate to others in relationship.
3. Pastor Kris refers to the prayer that Paul had for the Philippians (and us) that we will produce fruit in our lives that honours God and brings glory to Him. Do you exhibit God-honouring fruit in your life that is evident to other people? If not, what steps do you need to take to change this?

## Personal Reflection and Prayer

Jesus, we desire to live for you. We recognize this means that we must connect with one another in meaningful community with each other that edifies one another and brings glory to God as we bear the fruit of righteousness in our lives. May your Holy Spirit refine us so that our lives individually as well as our community of Heartland take after the example of the Philippian church and in so doing bring honour to God. Amen.

**Prayer:** *Close in prayer together, praying for yourself and for one another, asking God to strengthen you to love Him and each other more deeply. Ask the Lord to empower your actions as you leave today.*