

Intentional Fellowship (*koinonia*)

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Description: The fellowship workshop will first provide context in relation to the other key elements of the Christian life (wheel). The workshop attendees will explore the description and basis of quality fellowship, what is the purpose of fellowship, what is and is not Biblical fellowship, and the primary need that each participant has to practice Biblical fellowship (application). The conduct of the workshop will emphasize investigation and problem solving in a small group context. The final 20 minutes will be devoted to developing a personal application based on the workshop content and the evaluation. The handout will consist of a general outline of the workshop and references for future study that are introduced but not developed during the workshop.

1. Introduction; who are you, who am I (0-5 minutes) Have three people introduce themselves
 - a. I am not the authority – the Bible is the authority.
 - b. In this workshop we want to develop our thoughts and convictions on this topic.
 - c. I will introduce some topics – Let’s investigate some verses together that speak to them
 - d. Whenever true believers get together, God is there
 - e. The purpose of this workshop is to sweeten and enrich your fellowship

2. Why Fellowship (*Fellowship is 1 of the 6 key principles contained in the wheel illustration*) (5-6 Minutes)
 - a. Identify those who are familiar with the wheel. Have them develop it with those who are not. (raise hands)
 - i. Christ The Center - II Cor. 5:17
 - ii. Obedience – Rom. 12:1
 - iii. Word – II Tim. 3:16,17
 - iv. Prayer – Phil. 4:6,7
 - v. Witnessing – Rom. 1:16
 - vi. Fellowship – Heb. 10:24,25

3. Discuss the basis of Fellowship (6-21 Minutes) - *As in most things, an adequate foundation is essential for proper understanding and application of the principal.*
 - a. The Trinity is the basis for our fellowship John 1:2,3 (Gen 1:1) - 17:11, ,
 - b. God calls us first to fellowship with HIMSELF (created in God’s image) Gen 1:26, 2:5-7, 15, 1 Cor. 1:9, Jn. 13: 34,35
 - c. God also calls us to fellowship with other people (horizontal Gen 3:8,9 – 1 John 1:3) - Appears that it was normal for GOD, Adam and Eve to fellowship in the garden
 - i. GOD’s fellowship appears to be in the contest of work, ministry, a common mission (Gen 1: 21 – 31)
 - d. The quality of our vertical relationship will determine the quality (effectiveness, satisfaction, benefit, glorifying God) of our horizontal relationships - II Tim 3: 16, 17, 1 John 1:3

4. What is the purpose of Fellowship (21-36 Minutes) *Not inclusive*
 - a. I Thess. 1:2 – 2: 8 Work of faith, labor of love.....

- b. Colossians 1: 28 Present every man perfect/Mature
 - c. Heb. 10: 24, 25 – (24) consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works (25) assembling of ourselves together; exhorting one another
 - d. Asking and giving forgiveness. (Mt 18:21-35)
 - e. Serving each other by addressing sin issues (Gal 6:1-5).
 - f. Helping each other in a wide range of ways (Ac 2, 4)
 - g. Working together to see others saved (1 Thess. 1:5,6)
5. How do we do Fellowship (36-61 Minutes)
- i. There is a kind of fellowship that we were made for – that connects (fosters accountability) us with God and each other (I John 1:3)
 - b. Discuss Characteristics
 - i. Greenhouse – creates an environment/atmosphere where things can grow not necessarily a program. Thinking where fellowship took place in your life what was the environment (hospitality, encouragement, accountability, humility, grace) consider others more important than yourself (Phil 2: 3,4)
 - ii. Gal 2:9 Acceptance
 - iii. Heb. 10: 24, 25 – What are the key points to this verse regarding fellowship
 - 1. 24 And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works:
 - 2. 25 Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.
 - iv. Matt. 18: 20 – in My Name V 20 *For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.*
 - c. Develop/Discuss environments for fellowship (Hospitality, friendship, discipleship, mentoring, marriage, etc.) ***What was the environment/experience that connected you with God – made it life giving?***
 - d. Availability discussion (focus, flexibility, adaptability, family dynamics)
 - e. Intentional discussion (need tools but don't be trapped by them – hearing and responding to the real need – having a fresh word from God based on study.....(vibrant vertical relationship)
6. Cost/Cautions discussion (61-63 Minutes)
- a. Foundational Attitude (I have only done that which was expected) *Luke 17: 7-10*
 - b. Men's one on one - Unless you are courting stay away from one on one fellowship with a woman
7. Practical application – discussion (*Individual*) (63-72 Minutes)
8. Closing (72-75 Minutes)