

Band of Couples

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I. Introduction.

- A. It is God's plan that we operate as couples.
- B. Fellowship around God is so precious to him that he has angels write the words down. (Malachi 3:16)
- C. Couples must have a common objective and goal. (Luke 19:10; 1 John 4:17; Romans 8:29)

II. There are four basic elements for a functional group.

- A. Honesty. (James 5:16; Acts 2:42)
- B. The study of the Word of God.
- C. Prayer.
- D. Outreach.

III. We need each other in Christian fellowship. (Ecclesiastes 4:9-10; Romans 14:7)

IV. Real fellowship is in Jesus, in the Spirit, in suffering and in the gospel. (1 John 1:3, 7)

V. Leading.

- A. Be a rallying point—an information center.
- B. Share your genuine love and concern. (2 Corinthians 12:15; Jeremiah 17:5)
- C. Set the example. (1 Corinthians 11:1; 2 Corinthians 6:3)
- D. Be a servant. (Matthew 20:26-27; 1 Corinthians 9:19)
- E. Show confidence in your group.
- F. Dare to be honest. (Deuteronomy 3:28; Proverbs 28:23; Ezekiel 3:20; Leviticus 19:20)
- G. Encourage.
- H. Strengthen.
- I. Plan the outreach.
- J. Take couples along to couples and involve them in the ministry.

Application questions:

1. How can you develop a culture of honesty in your home?

2. What does it look like to lead a couples group?

3. What are some ways a couple can develop another couple in their spiritual lives?
