

Why we should practice Christian fellowship

Look up Ephesians 1:5, John 1:12, and 1 John 3:1. According to these verses, what is significant about our relationship with God if we have accepted Christ?

Look up Matthew 16:18b, 1 Corinthians 12:17, and 1 Peter 2:17. Why do you think God cares so much about us being involved with other Christians?

Look up the following verses and write out the reason why we need to be involved in Christian Fellowship.

Hebrews 13:17 _____

Ecclesiastes 4:9–12 _____

Proverbs 13:20 _____

Proverbs 27:17 _____

How we can practice Christian fellowship

Look up Hebrews 10:24–25. According to this verse, what are we commanded to do as Christians? How can you apply this verse to your own life? Are you involved in a church or local body of Christians?

According to Matthew 28:19, after someone becomes a disciple (accepts Christ), what are they commanded to do? Have you ever been baptized? What would keep you from getting baptized?

Look up James 5:16, what does it say that we are commanded to do? What is the benefit to confessing sin to each other according to this verse? Do you have an accountability partner?

Look up 1 Peter 4:1–11, what are we commanded to do according to this verse? How can you help serve the body of Christ?

Discipleship Challenge: Which of the 4 ways to practice Christian fellowship do you need to work on the most? Memorize Hebrews 10:24–25.

LEADER'S GUIDE

Goal

The goal of this lesson is to help your disciple see the importance of Christian fellowship. The application from this lesson is for them to get involved in a local church, accountability group, and to help serve in some way.

Getting started

Take some time to pray for your disciple before the meeting. Pray that they will desire Christian fellowship and will follow through in the next steps. Take some time to catch up and hear about how life is going. Don't spent all day about it, but it is important to focus on the relationship.

Going through the lesson

As you go through this lesson, find places where you can add personal stories of times when Christian fellowship has helped you in your walk with God. Perhaps a time when you needed to be encouraged and a Christian friend did, or a time when you needed to confess sin. If your disciple has never been baptized, ask them if they would like to. If you are serving in some way at Challenge or at your church, take your disciple along with you to help serve. Remember that fellowship is not playing video games all night or going shopping together. It is about helping each other in our walks with God, encouraging each other, serving, and holding each other accountable.

Wrapping Up

As you finish this lesson, help your disciple find one practical application from the four ways we can practice Christian fellowship :Joining a church, getting baptized, finding an accountability partner, or serving in some way.