

FELLOWSHIP: LEADER'S GUIDE

Congratulations on making it this far into the “Be a Disciple” series! You have finished the lessons covering how we relate to God via the Word and Prayer, and now you will be covering how Christians relate to others. This is an important topic to cover in our day and age, as more and more Christians carry this idea that they can go “lone wolf” with their walk with God, and that church and fellowship aren’t important.

PURPOSE

- To help your disciple see the importance of Christian fellowship.
- To learn the Heart Attitudes, and see how they could apply to the disciple’s life.
- To get involved in a local church, accountability group, and to help serve in some way if they are not already doing so.

PLAN

1. 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.
2. Take some time to catch up and hear about how life is going. Don’t spend all day about it, but it is important to focus on the relationship.
3. As you go through the Heart Attitudes, share personal stories that apply to the different points. You don’t need one for all seven, but dispersing a few throughout can help them see the importance of fellowship.
4. If your disciple has never been baptized, ask them if they would like to. This is a pretty key step in someone’s walk with God, so if they haven’t yet started a conversation with them about it. There is a supplemental baptism lesson you can go over with them at <https://www.challengecsuc.com/resources/discipleship-lessons-and-bible-studies>.
5. Help them come up with a practical application from the lesson. Maybe this means taking them with you to serve at your local church, or talking to your pastor with them about getting baptized. Don’t come up with their application for them, but don’t let them get away with an easy takeaway.

THE IMPORTANCE OF FELLOWSHIP

Memory verse checklist:

- 2 Corinthians 5:17
- Joshua 1:8
- Psalm 119:11
- Philippians 4:6

VERSE OF THE WEEK: Hebrews 10:24-25 “And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.”

CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP HELPS YOU KEEP GROWING!

In the past, what’s been your experience with Christianity?

Why do you think God cares so much about us being involved with other Christians?

According to this verse, what kinds of things should we do with other Christians?

HOW CAN WE EXPRESS GODLY FELLOWSHIP? THE HEART ATTITUDES

The Heart Attitudes, created by Harold Bullock and used by the 17:6 Network, have helped guide how members of Hope Church (as well as many other churches) relate to each other in a way that brings God glory.

- 1. Put the goals and interests of others above your own.**
“Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others.” - Philippians 2:3-4
- 2. Live an honest, open life before others.**
“Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to his neighbor, for we are all members of one body.” - Ephesians 4:25
- 3. Give and receive Scriptural correction.**
“And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.” - Hebrews 10:24-25
- 4. Clear up relationships.**
“Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to your brother; then come and offer your gift.” - Matthew 5:23-24

BE A DISCIPLE

5. Participate in the ministry.

“Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God’s grace in its various forms.” - 1 Peter 4:10

6. Support the work financially.

“On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with his income, saving it up, so that when I come no collections will have to be made.” - 1 Corinthians 16:2

7. Follow spiritual leadership within Scriptural limits.

“Obey your leaders and submit to their authority. They keep watch over you as men who must give an account. Obey them so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no advantage to you.”
- Hebrews 13:17

Which one of these do you think will be the easiest for you? Which one will be the most difficult?

WHERE TO START: 4 MEANS OF CONNECTION

Church Involvement

Read Hebrews 10:24-25. According to this verse, what are we commanded to do as Christians? Are you involved in a church or local body of Christians?

Baptism

Read Matthew 28:19. What does Jesus command to do after someone accepts Him? Have you ever been baptized? What would keep you from getting baptized?

Confessing Sin

Read 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?

Serving

Read 1 Peter 4:8-11. What are we commanded to do according to this verse? How can you help serve the body of Christ?

DISCIPLESHIP CHALLENGE: Pick one of the four above applications to try and do this week. Continue doing quiet times and praying. Memorize Hebrews 10:24-25