

Fellowship Is a Necessity



Acts 2:42-47

- **Review – Understanding Discipleship (Matt. 28:18-20)**
- **Purpose: “to present every man complete in Christ.”**
- **Goal: that each individual member would grow to maturity in Christlikeness.**

- **Lesson #1 – Understanding Discipleship**
- **Discipleship: “The developmental process of the local church that progressively brings Christians from spiritual infancy to spiritual maturity. (Dr. Evans)**
- A. In order to become a disciple, you must have the right information and the right skills.**
- B. We must understand that discipleship is a process.**
- C. Discipleship is a progressive movement toward maturity.**
- D. God has created a specific environment in which discipleship is to occur.**
- E. To become a disciple there must be a transferable process.**

- **Lesson # 2 – Discipleship Must Be a Priority**
- A. The priority of action.**
- B. The cost of discipleship.**
- C. The reward of discipleship.**

- **Lesson #3 – The Necessities for Discipleship**
- **The local church is the environment God has given to transform Christians into what we were created and redeemed to be: followers of Jesus Christ.**
- A. The necessity of evangelism.**
- B. The necessity of growing in the Word of God.**
- C. The necessity of fellowship.**
- D. The necessity of worship.**

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- Fellowship is very important for the people of God.
 - This is very important because when a church stop being a fellowship, it becomes an organization.
1. The principle of fellowship.
 - Fellowship means “that which is common.”
 - Definition: “Fellowship is the intimate sharing of Christians in the uniqueness of the life of Christ.”
 - A. The first principle of fellowship is fellowship and joy found in 1 John 1:1-4.
 - B. Union and communion.
 2. The process of fellowship (1 John 1:3).
 - A. Fellowship begins with Christ.
 - B. Fellowship flows to others.
 3. The stoppage to fellowship (1 John 1:5-6).
 - A. Light and darkness.
 - B. There are too many counterfeits.
 - C. Genuine fellowship.
 4. The product of fellowship (Acts 2:44-45).
 - A. Needs are met.
 - B. Unity is developed.