

Life Group Discussion Guide

Pillar 3: Fellowship

The Church Is a Fellowship: Shared Life Forms Us Into Family

Key Scripture: Acts 2:42-47

Theme: Christian fellowship is shared life in Christ. It is not merely being friendly; it is becoming family.

Welcome

Choose one:

1. What is one meal, gathering, or conversation that made you feel like you truly belonged?
 2. Who has had a significant influence on your spiritual journey, and how did they impact you?
 3. When you hear the word "fellowship," what comes to mind?
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Opening Scripture Reading

Read Acts 2:42-47 together.

Ask someone in the group to read the passage aloud, and encourage the group to listen for what stands out about the way the early believers shared life together.

Sermon Summary

This week's message reminded us that fellowship is not an optional extra in the Christian life. Just as a pillar supports a structure, fellowship supports and strengthens our spiritual lives.

The early church devoted themselves to:

- God's Word
- Prayer

- Fellowship
- Generosity

Christian fellowship is more than attending services together. It is sharing life, carrying burdens, encouraging one another, praying together, serving together, and becoming family through Christ.

Key Thought:

"You cannot experience family at a distance."

Discussion Questions

Part 1: Fellowship Is Not Optional

Read Romans 12:4-5 and Hebrews 10:24-25

1. Why do you think the New Testament rarely pictures Christians living in isolation?
 2. What is the difference between attending church and being connected to the church family?
 3. The sermon said, "Rows matter, but circles create family." What does that mean to you?
 4. Who has intentionally encouraged or challenged you spiritually in recent months?
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Part 2: The Early Church's Example

Read Acts 2:42-47

1. Which characteristic of the early church stands out most to you and why?
2. What do you think it means that they "devoted themselves" to fellowship?
3. How did the early believers combine worship gatherings and life in homes?
4. What practical role did hospitality play in their fellowship?

Read Galatians 6:2

1. What are some ways Christians can bear one another's burdens today?
 2. Why is it often easier to say, "I'll pray for you," than to walk alongside someone practically?
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Part 3: Healthy Fellowship Today

Discuss the characteristics of healthy fellowship:

- Humility
 - Consistency
 - Honesty
 - Burden-bearing
 - Reconciliation
 - Mission
1. Which of these qualities do you think our church does well?
 2. Which area needs the most intentional growth in your own life?
 3. Why can pride, comparison, offence, or gossip damage fellowship so quickly?
 4. What does healthy vulnerability look like in a Life Group setting?
 5. How can we become a group where people feel safe enough to be known?
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Part 4: Personal Application

1. Are you currently living in a "row" or a "circle" spiritually? Explain.
 2. Is there someone in the church you need to know better or intentionally walk alongside?
 3. Is there a burden you are carrying that the group can help you with?
 4. Is there a relationship that needs reconciliation, forgiveness, or a difficult conversation?
 5. What is one practical step God is calling you to take this week?
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Practical Challenge for the Week

Choose at least one of the following:

- ☐ Invite someone for coffee, a meal, or a meaningful conversation.
- ☐ Ask someone, "How can I pray for you?" and pray with them immediately.
- ☐ Follow up with someone who is struggling.
- ☐ Join a ministry team, prayer group, mentoring relationship, or Life Group if you are not already connected.

☐ Offer practical help to someone in need.

☐ Resolve a conflict by speaking directly and graciously with the person involved.

Pray Together

Divide into groups of 2-3 and pray for one another.

Prayer Points

- Thank God for making us part of His family.
 - Pray for deeper fellowship and unity within the church.
 - Pray for humility, honesty, and love in our relationships.
 - Pray for anyone carrying burdens, grief, fear, or stress.
 - Pray that our fellowship would make Jesus visible to our community.
 - Pray that no one in our church would walk alone.
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Leader's Closing Thought

The early church changed the world not because they attended services, but because they shared life together around Christ. Their commitment to God's Word, prayer, fellowship, and generosity created a community where people were known, loved, supported, and transformed.

Challenge the group:

"This week, move from a row to a circle. Take one intentional step toward deeper fellowship. Someone in our church may experience the love of Christ through that simple act."

Memory Verse

Acts 2:42

"And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers." (ESV)