Life Group Discussion Guide

Fellowship: Devoted to One Another

Based on the sermon by Marius Gradwell, 08 November 2026

Theme

The early church was devoted to fellowship (koinonia), not merely social connection, but a shared life centred on Christ, His mission, His people, and His presence.

Key Scripture

Acts 2:42 (ESV)

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

Icebreaker

Choose one:

1. What is a group, team, or community that has had a significant impact on your life?
2. What makes you feel genuinely connected to other people?
3. When you hear the word "fellowship," what comes to mind?

Read Together

Acts 2:41-47

Ask someone to read the passage aloud.

Discussion Questions

1. What Does True Fellowship Look Like?

The sermon highlighted the Greek word **Koinonia**, meaning joint participation, partnership, sharing life together, and having things in common. Fellowship is more than casual socialising.

Questions

- What stands out to you about the way the early believers lived together?
- How does biblical fellowship differ from simply attending church services?

- Which aspect of Acts 2:42-47 do you think is most lacking in modern church life?
- Which aspect do you think our Life Group is doing well?

Application

What is one practical way you can engage more deeply in biblical fellowship this month?

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2. Fellowship Happens Between "Added" and "Added"

The sermon noted that fellowship is wrapped between two growth statements:

- About 3,000 were added. (Acts 2:41)
- The Lord added daily those who were being saved. (Acts 2:47)

Questions

- Why do you think healthy fellowship and church growth are connected?
- How might authentic community help people encounter Jesus?
- Have you ever been drawn toward God because of the love and unity you saw among believers?

Application

Who is one person outside the church that you could intentionally invite into your life or community?

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3. Everyone and One Another

The sermon emphasized that everyone has a role in building a healthy church and that Scripture repeatedly calls believers to care for "one another."

Read the following verses:

- John 15:12
- Galatians 6:2
- 1 Thessalonians 5:11
- James 5:16

Questions

- Which "one another" command challenges you the most?

- Which comes most naturally to you?
- Why is it easy to become a consumer rather than a contributor in church life?
- What gifts or strengths has God given you to serve others?

Application

Is there someone in the group or church family who needs encouragement, support, or practical help this week?

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4. Living with Awe Rather Than Anxiety

The early church lived with a deep sense of awe and reverence for God. The sermon described the fear of God as being so overwhelmed by who He is that we draw closer and desire to obey Him.

Questions

- What is the difference between being afraid of God and having awe of God?
- Do you agree with the statement: "The fear of God is the death of every other fear"? Why or why not?
- What fears or anxieties compete for your attention and trust?
- How can pursuing God more intentionally reduce those fears?

Application

What is one area where God may be calling you to trust and obey Him more fully?

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5. Vertical and Horizontal Relationships

The sermon concluded that biblical fellowship begins with our connection to God and naturally overflows into love, generosity, and care for others

Questions

- Why is it difficult to maintain healthy relationships with others when our relationship with God is neglected?
- How do prayer, worship, and Scripture strengthen community?
- Where do you sense God wanting to grow you: vertically (with Him) or horizontally (with others)?

Application

What specific step will you take this week to strengthen one of these relationships?

Prayer Response

Spend time praying for:

1. Greater unity and genuine fellowship within Oakhill.
2. A deeper love for Jesus and His Word.
3. Courage to live out the "one another" commands.
4. Opportunities to serve and care for others.
5. A fresh sense of awe and reverence for God.
6. New people to be added to God's family through the witness of His church.

Challenge for the Week

Choose one:

- Share a meal with another believer.
- Pray with someone outside of a church gathering.
- Meet a practical need of a person or family.
- Encourage someone with a message, phone call, or visit.
- Invite someone new into your home or Life Group.

Memory Verse:
"And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers." - Acts 2:42 (ESV)