

State of the Church 2018: Fellowship

Matthew 28.16-20, Acts 2.42-47

A. What Jesus thought was important for his followers:

Matthew 22.36-40: Loving God and loving others (worship and ministry)

Matthew 28.16-20: Go and make disciples of all nations (evangelism)

Teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you (discipleship)

Baptizing them (fellowship)

B. What we think is important for our church:

Mission statement of BDBC: *Sharing God's Love Through Worship, Ministry, Evangelism, Discipleship, and Fellowship*

C. Fellowship (Greek: Koinonia = close mutual association, partnership, unity, sharing)

D. The Fellowship of the Believers (Acts 2.42-47)

E. Why is Fellowship so important?

1. It gives us a clearer picture of **GOD'S WORLD**

Everyone was filled with awe....were together and had everything in common... v 43-44

2. It reminds us we're **NOT ALONE** in this **LIFE**

... all the believers were together... v44, 46 (2)

The "One Anothers" of Fellowship

Serve one another	Galatians 5:13
Accept one another	Romans 15:7
Forgive one another	Colossians 3:13
Greet one another	Romans 16:16
Bear one another's burdens	Galatians 6:2
Be devoted to one another	Romans 12:10
Honor one another	Romans 12:10
Teach one another	Romans 15:14
Submit to one another	Ephesians 5:21
Encourage one another	1 Thessalonians 5:11

3. It provides **ENCOURAGEMENT** and **SUPPORT**.

...to give to anyone who had need. v45

I long to see you so that I may impart to you some spiritual gift to make you strong — that is, that you and I may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith.
Romans 1.11-12

4. It helps us to **GROW** in the **FAITH**.

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching... v42

They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. v45

5. It brings **JOY** to our **LIFE**. *With glad and sincere hearts... v46*

6. It is a **WITNESS** to the **WORLD**.

And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved. v47

By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."
John 13.35

F. Moving forward with Fellowship

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What is God saying to me?

What am I going to do about it?