

Community

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Review Last Week's Next Steps

- I will pray, "God, please give me knowledge of your will for my life and the power to carry it out."
- I will not allow my life to become prayer-less striving.
- I will approach God in prayer with confidence.
- I will be still for a few moments in prayer to listen to God speak to me.

THIS WEEK'S SERMON RECAP

In this series we're learning practices that will help us grow spiritually. So far we've looked at surrender, study and prayer. These practices are for our individual spiritual growth. This week we move from me to we. Because the truth is we were made for each other.

We need each other. We cannot grow, heal, or become holy without each other. In this message, we will not talk about doing new things, but doing what we're already doing (surrender, study, and prayer) now sometimes together with others.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Reflecting on the concept of fellowship outlined in Acts 2:42-47, how do you currently experience fellowship within your faith community? What aspects of fellowship described in the sermon resonate with your own experiences, and what aspects challenge you to deepen your engagement with community?

2. The sermon emphasizes the importance of authenticity in fellowship, suggesting that it requires us to "take off our masks" and be real about our struggles, temptations, and sin. How comfortable are you with being vulnerable and authentic in your relationships within the faith community? What barriers do you encounter in being fully authentic, and how might you overcome them?

3. The sermon discusses the idea that fellowship involves sharing, not only in terms of material possessions but also in sharing our struggles, sufferings, and truths with one another. How do you currently practice sharing within your faith community? How might you deepen your commitment to sharing both material resources and personal experiences with others?

4. Fellowship is described as a commitment that requires devotion and consistency, not something that happens by accident. Reflect on your own level of commitment to fellowship. Are there areas where you feel you could be more devoted or consistent in engaging with your faith community? What steps could you take to strengthen your commitment to fellowship?

5. The sermon emphasizes the importance of speaking the truth in love within the context of fellowship, even when it may be difficult or uncomfortable. How do you navigate the balance between speaking truthfully and maintaining love and grace in your interactions with others within the faith community? Can you share an experience where speaking the truth in love had a positive impact on your relationship with someone else?

6. Fellowship is portrayed as a source of support and encouragement, where individuals come together to share in each other's joys and sorrows. How have you experienced the support and encouragement of your faith community during times of joy and times of hardship? In what ways do you actively seek to support and encourage others within your faith community?

7. The sermon concludes with a challenge to engage in the practice of prayer with another person, emphasizing the power of shared prayer in deepening spiritual connections and fostering intimacy. How comfortable are you with praying with others? If you've never prayed with someone before, what might be holding you back, and how could you take steps to overcome any hesitations?

NEXT STEPS FOR THIS WEEK (COMMIT TO GROW)

- I will commit to share my life with a group of people.
- I will make fellowship a priority.
- I will commit to worshipping together with them regularly.
- I will talk with them about my temptations.
- I will allow them to tell me the truth about myself.
- I will ask someone to pray for my spiritual well-being.

SCRIPTURE REFERENCES

- Acts 2:42-47
- 1 John 1:7-9

Prayer Request(s)

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