

Session 3: Devoted to The Fellowship

1.

Before watching this teaching, how might you have previously described what Fellowship means?

After watching this teaching, what are some ways your understanding of Fellowship has grown?

Read Acts 2:42. Why do you think the early disciples chose to not just *enjoy* fellowship, or simply *be a part of* fellowship, but to specifically and intentionally *devote* themselves to the Fellowship?

2.

Pastor Dan said that some followers of Jesus unfortunately think that devotion to God and devotion to His Word is all that's needed. Is it possible to be a fully-developed disciple of Jesus and not be actively engaged in (and devoted to) the Fellowship of believers? If not, why?

In what ways do you think that Fellowship must be active and intentionally chosen, as opposed to hoping that it just passively happens, and why is this so important?

3.

Read 1 John 1:3-7. Why do you think our Fellowship with the Triune God is so important amidst our Fellowship with one another, and can we truly be in Fellowship with someone who is living outside of Christ?

Read 1 John 2:4-6. Why is it so important to understand that our Fellowship with one another is not just an agreement in the Truth of Christ, but also in living out the Values of Christ?

Why is it vital that we understand our identity in Christ as His people, on His mission, together as family?

4.

Considering Acts 2:42-47 (and other sections of the NT that talk about the church), what were some of the things that we see happening in the early church that may not be present today or could be strengthened, and why do you think we're not as strong in those areas as we perhaps should be?

Pastor Dan talked about needing to be in Fellowship with God, not forsaking the corporate gathering and worship of the church, getting plugged into small groups and serving ministers, and being intentional in our time spent together (even in the foyer). Which of these do believe God is personally calling you to grow in, and what value do you think it will bring to the Fellowship of our local body when you do?