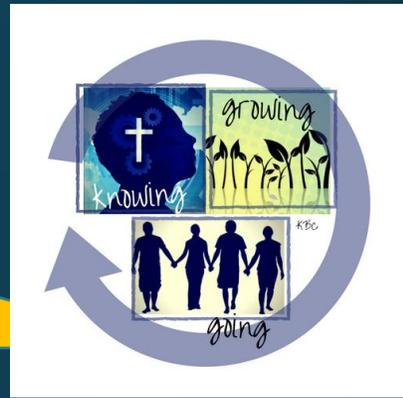


Fellowship Groups

Ephesians 4:15-16

A Christ-center
& Bible-center
worship service

The Greatest Commandment (building up in love)



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Knowing
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**worship
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Growing
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**fellowship
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Going to
Serve—
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4:15-16, 5:1)

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New Believers

Mature Believer

The Great Commission (equipping the saints)

We Are Not To Be Alone



- Beyond **knowing & connecting with God** we are called to **grow with one another** (Eph. 4:13-16), with the goal to be like our Lord Jesus (4:15; 5:1)
- The truth of the matter is that we cannot **grow our faith by ourselves**. (1 John 4:11-12; 20-21) It's just all "talk" until we are loving our brothers
- (Prov. 27:17) Iron does not get sharp on its own. But this sharpening require **humility & pain**. Are you willing?

One Another...



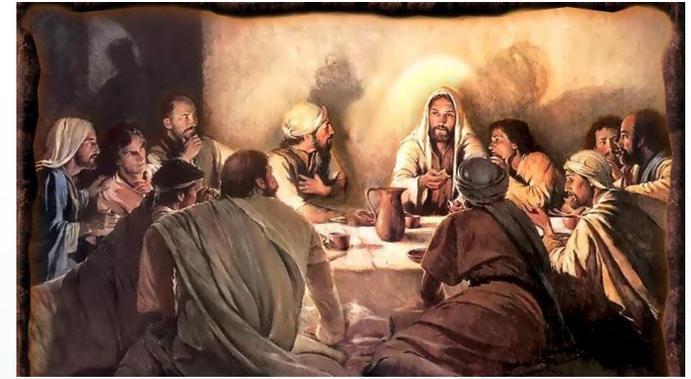
- The truth is that we cannot practice half of the NT principles unless we are **with others**
- (Gal 6:2) **bear** one another's burden
- (1 Thes. 5:11) **encourage** one another
- (James 5:16) **confess** to one another
- (Rom. 12:10) **love** one another
- (2 Tim 2:2) **teach** one another
- And many more...are you gathering with one another in a regular basis?

The New Testament Examples



- ▶ (Acts 2:42) they were **continually** together
- ▶ (Acts 5:42) they did it both as a **congregation** together and in **each other homes** in a small group settings.
- ▶ There are aspects of fellowship that we cannot practice in a congregational setting, such as encouragement and accountability. As growing believers we should gather in both settings.

When We Gather...



- ▶ (Acts 2:42) There are several things in this one verse...
 1. **Study the Bible** (2 Tim. 2:15). Notice they focus on the doctrines—the main teachings in the Bible
 2. **Fellowship** and **breaking of bread**—this refers to both regular meals and the Lord's table. (Acts 20:7; Phil 2:1)
There should always be **sharing time** as we gather
 3. **Prayer together** (James 5:16)—are you interceding for each other as a family together? (1 Tim. 2:1)



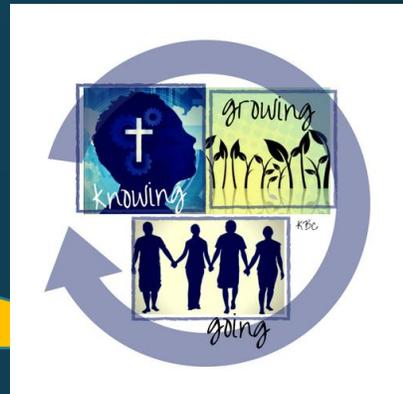
To Join and Hold Together



- ▶ We are called to “joined and held together” (Eph. 4:16) But how can we do that unless we **get to know each other?**
- ▶ And how can we “equipped” one another (v.16) unless we **gather?**
- ▶ Sadly since Victorian time western churches has the idea that church is only a “**Sunday thing**” It is NOT!! We should wake up to this truth.

3 things we do
as we gather:
Bible, prayer,
share

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