

ON PURPOSE ENCOURAGING EACH OTHER

Aim: To take a look at ways we can strengthen the fellowship we share in Christ within our church.

Open: Jim mentioned some common ‘misconceptions’ about fellowship this morning... what were some? Can you think of others?

Read Acts 2:42-47

- Define & describe “fellowship” and its importance in the life of a church.
- What role did “fellowship” play in the early church? How important do you believe the early Christians thought it to be?
- Why do you think the early Christians came together so often?
- What did they do when they got together?

Romans 12:9-16

- What “ingredients” for stronger fellowship are mentioned in these verses and which Jim highlighted in this morning’s lesson?
- What other “ingredients” might you add to this list?

Discuss

- How important do you believe fellowship to be? How important does our church believe ‘fellowship’ to be? Give a reason for your answer.
- Read Eccl. 4:10. Has there ever been a time in your life when other believers came to your assistance, brought you comfort or met a need?
- Of the above “ingredients” for stronger fellowship, which of these is a real strength of our church? Which could we most grow in?
- Which of the above “ingredients” do you find most personally challenging?
- Read 1 Cor. 1:10. What does it mean for believers to be of “one mind”? What’s the difference between unity and uniformity?
- What explanation does John give us about our responsibility to love our fellow believers in 1 John 3:14-18?
- What do you do to increase fellowship or strengthen relationships you have with members at Washington Street?

Pray

How can our group pray for YOU tonight?