



CELL GUIDE

TOPIC Sharing Christ with Christians

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MESSAGE SUMMARY

INTRODUCTION

In 1 John 1:1-7, the apostle John lays out several principles about Christian fellowship. Elder David Foo unpacks for us the following 3 key principles on Christian fellowship derived from the passage:

- It is a partnership based on our shared experience of Jesus Christ
- Our fellowship with God is linked to our fellowship with each other
- It depends on our continued walking in the light with God

3 Key Principles for Christian Fellowship

(1) It is a partnership based on our shared experience of Jesus Christ (1 John 1:3)

While Christian fellowship often involves food, it goes beyond sharing food with one another. Fellowship is also about sharing Christ with our fellow Christians. The Greek word *Koinonia* refers to deep fellowship and shared life. It includes idea like joint participation, partnership, sharing in something together and even contributing gifts or resources for the common good. Jesus is what we have in common, and He is what we are sharing and have a partnership in (Philemon 1:17). Therefore, we all have a stake and a role to play so we need to contribute actively in promoting and keeping fellowship.

We have true fellowship when we share our experience of Christ with each other – what God has done in our life and what we have heard from His word (Psalm 66:16). We can share Christ through our words, actions or presence.

(2) Our fellowship with God is linked to our fellowship with each other (1 John 1:4)

Our fellowship with God is not just “Jesus and me”. We also need one another to grow in our relationship with God and knowledge of who He is. God has designed us to be in a community of believers and linked our fellowship with Him to our relationship with one another. We need other Christians to know God more because through fellowship and our sharing of Christ with one another, we come to see God in new ways instead of being limited by our own experiences.

God has also called the church to be part of His larger plan to demonstrate His manifold wisdom to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms (Ephesians 3:10-11). Hence the stakes of Christians are much higher than just getting along or avoiding conflict.

(3) It depends on our continued walking in the light with God (1 John 1:7)

There are two relationships (vertical and horizontal dimension representing the cross) that we need to get right to walk in the light with God.

The first dimension (vertical) requires us to deal with sin because, “God is light; in Him there is no darkness at all.” (1 John 1:5). When we sin, we do not hide the sin or run away from God, but we confess our sins and get it cleansed (1 John 1:9). Walking in the light means having a deep, abiding walk with God and not let any sin linger or come between us and God.

The second dimension (horizontal) is to love one another as Jesus has commanded (1 John 2:10, John 13:34). Loving one another means forgiving one another, providing for one another, bearing each other’s burdens, being friendly to each other and praying for one another, putting others before our own needs. When we are clothed with love, we will be united and in perfect harmony (Colossians 3:14).

CONCLUSION

As Christians, we are called to share Christ with one another, not just non-Christians, using both our words as well as actions. Christ is the centre of our fellowship, and we are all responsible for growing it.

When we walk in the light and are in perfect harmony, we will have unity. Unity is the outcome of our fellowship with God and with each other. Where there is unity, God bestows His blessings (Psalms 133:1,3). When we are united, this will be our witness to the world that Jesus is the son of God.

QUESTIONS

1. Why should we place Christ in the centre of our fellowship? How does Christian fellowship help us grow in our knowledge of God? Share with one another what Jesus has done for you.

2. Elder David Foo shared that true Christian fellowship and unity in Acts 2:42-47 is hard to come by as no church or community is perfect. How can we as a cell group encourage and spur each other in pursuing true fellowship where everyone is included and we can be authentic and open with one another?

3. Walking in the light with God calls us to confess our sins to God and love one another. How does the assurance of forgiveness (1 John 1:9) encourages you in your walk with God? Which of the following actions of love are you most challenged to practice: forgiving, giving, sharing, praying, or including others?