

Biblical Fellowship Week 1: What Did God Intend for Us to Enjoy? Part 1

Why does biblical fellowship matter?

1. Relationships are _____!
 - a. John 13:14, 15:12
 - b. Romans 12:10, 12:15
 - c. Galatians 6:2
2. The days and this world are _____ and _____.
 - a. Ephesians 5:16-21
 - b. 1 Thessalonians 5:2 and 11
 - c. Hebrews 10:24
3. _____ is in community.
 - a. Matthew 3:16-17
4. Biblical fellowship is a means to fulfilling our purpose of _____!
 - a. We were made to glorify and enjoy God. He gave up everything to love us and make us His sons and daughters. (Psalm 100:3-5, Isaiah 53:12, Romans 5:8)
 - b. Even after salvation, we sin. (Romans 7:15, 18-19)
 - c. Sin robs God of glory and robs us of joy. (Romans 1:22-23, Psalm 32:10)
 - d. Sin lives in secrecy. (Proverbs 28:13)
 - e. The Corinthian church was able to overcome patterns of sin and live in a God-glorifying, joyful way: they ousted sin from secrecy into fellowship. (1 Corinthians 6:9-11)

What kind of relationships do we see believers have in Scripture?

1. We need relationships that are _____ (i.e. we get to know each other beyond the surface level).
 - a. John 10:30
 - b. 1 Corinthians 6:9-11
2. We need relationships that are _____ (i.e. we get to know each other in many contexts).
 - a. 2 Samuel 1:26
 - b. Acts 2:42-47
 - c. 1 Peter 4:8-10
3. _____ relationships are needed too! But we need *more* than just them.

Why are deep and close relationships so hard?

1. _____: "I don't need it!"
2. Fear of being _____
3. Not really knowing how to be appropriately vulnerable
4. Not really knowing how to guide a conversation and connect
5. Lack of _____
6. Logistics: where do you actually find people?
7. _____
8. Past wounding and lack of _____
9. _____: shame and social anxiety
10. _____: shaming and social aggression
11. _____: taking the leave and cleave into friendships and being negatively affected by the spouse