

## **The Priority of Fellowship and Small Groups in the Believer's Life**

- 1) I should belong to a small group in order to practice true biblical fellowship.
  
- 2) I should belong to a small group because of the doctrine of progressive  
sanctification.
  
- 3) I should belong to a small group in order to practice and receive mutual  
care.

### **Means of Fellowship:**

- 1) We can worship God together
- 2) Pray for one another and with one another
- 3) Utilize our spiritual gifts
- 4) Carry one another's burdens
- 5) Share about our spiritual experiences
- 6) Confess our sins to one another
- 7) Correct one another
- 8) Serve one another in practical ways

### **Hindrances to true fellowship and community:**

- 1) Self-sufficiency
- 2) Formality
- 3) Bitterness
- 4) Elitism