

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

The Goal for today's message is to understand the importance of biblical fellowship and being a significant part of a gospel community so that we will prioritize our lives around such opportunities.

- 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** _____

GBC Application Questions

Grace Bible Church desires that you respond to this sermon by believing the gospel, obeying the Savior, and discipling the world for the glory of God. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions and praying through the issues will help you further meditate upon God's Word in order to see how this can be done.

1. How did this sermon call you to "believe the gospel?" What Biblical truths were presented that you need to believe? How does this passage of Scripture affect the way you believe the gospel and therefore in how you live your life?

2. In what specific ways do you face the temptations described in this sermon? How does the gospel confront those temptations? How can you not only obey moralistically, but to obey in light of the gospel?

3. As you seek to apply these truths in your own life, think of one other person in your life that may benefit from thinking through these issues with you. What are some ways you can disciple this person in this area?
