

FROM FELLOWSHIP TO FRIENDSHIP:

GROWING T O G E T H E R I N **CHRIST**



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THEME: FELLOWSHIP MAKES US MEMBERS, BUT FRIENDSHIP MAKES US FAMILY IN CHRIST

TEXTS: JOHN 15:15; ROM 12:10

TOPIC: FROM FELLOWSHIP TO FRIENDSHIP: GROWING TOGETHER IN CHRIST

TEXT: ACTS 2:42-47

INTRODUCTION

- **The Early Church Lived In True Fellowship, Not Just Attendance**
- **Fellowship: Sharing Life, Faith And Burdens.**
- **Goal: Move From Fellowship ---> Friendship ---> Family In Christ**

PRESENTATION OUTLINE

- **Fellowship Begins With Shared Faith.**
- **Fellowship Deepens Through Sharing Life**
- **Fellowship Matures With The Lasting Friendship.**

AIMS OF THE SERMON

- **Fellowship Should Be Nurtured Into Friendship**
- **Fellowship Should Grow Into Bond Of Family Unit In Christ.**

DEFINITION OF WORDS THAT APPEARS ON THE TOPIC

- **FELLOWSHIP COMPANIONSHIP/ FRIENDLY ASSOCIATION: Being Together With Others In A Friendly Or Supportive Ways**
- **FRIENDSHIP: A State Of Mutual Trust An Affection Between People Or A Close And Supporting Relationship**

- **GROWING:** Present Participle Of Grow. To Increase In Size, Number, And Strength
- **TOGETHER:** In Or Into One Place, Well Organized
- **CHRIST:** Messiah The Anointed One

PRESENTATION

A. FELLOWSHIP BEGINS WITH SHARED FAITH ACTS 2:42

- Devotion To Teaching, Prayer, And Worship.
- Christ Is The Foundation Of Our Unity

B. FELLOWSHIP DEEPENS THROUGH SHARING LIFE ACTS 2:44-45

- Believer Cared And Provided For One Another
- True Fellowship Grows When We Meet Needs And Stand Together

C. FELLOWSHIP MATURES INTO LASTING FRIENDSHIP ACTS 2:46

- Breaking Bread, Visiting Homes Rejoicing Together
- Friendship = Trust, Loyalty And Encouragement Prov. 17:17

PRACTICAL STEPS

- Be Intentional In Reaching Out
- Forgive And Maintain Unity
- Encourage And Pray For One Another Open Your Home And Heart

CONCLUSION

- Fellowship Makes Us Members Of The Body
- Friendship Makes Us Family In Christ
- Let Us Grow From Fellowship Ship To True Friendship That Reflects Jesus' Love

MEMORY VERSE PROVERB 17:17

A friend loves at all times and a brother is born for adversity