

Sermon-based Growth Group
"Summer Voices: Better Together"
Proverbs 18:1
Questions
July 23, 2023

Introductory Discussion: What from Sunday's sermon did you find most helpful, or eye-opening, or troubling?

1. What problems can arise for those who do church only online?
2. Mathew 18:20 says "For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them." What do you think is different about gathering than praying alone?
3. How does being alone expose you?
4. Read 1 John 1:6-8. How does walking in darkness keep us from true fellowship?
 - a. How does walking in the light create the proper space for fellowship?
5. How can we pursue true fellowship?
 - a. Love one another (1 Peter 1: 22). What does that mean?
 - b. What does it mean to honor others above yourself (Romans 12:10, See also, Philippians 2:3)?
 - c. What does it mean to welcome others AS Christ has welcomed you (Romans 15:7)?

- d. Romans 14:19 says, "So then we pursue the things which make for peace and the building up of one another." How does this focus fellowship?
- e. Romans 15:7 says, "Therefore, accept one another, just as Christ also accepted us, for the glory of God." How did Christ accept us and how can we follow that model?
- f. Galatians 5:13 says, "For you were called to freedom, brothers *and sisters*; only *do* not *turn* your freedom into an opportunity for the flesh, but serve one another through love." How will this help fellowship?
- g. Read 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18. Verse 18 says we should "comfort" each other. The word can also mean console, but also exhort, urge, admonish or persuade. According to the passage, how are we to comfort each other?

6. How can a-g above help us understand true fellowship?