



SESSION 2: FELLOWSHIP

Mitchell Berean Church

Healthy, Unified and Firing on All Cylinders

Cylinder 4: Fellowship / Together

Aware that we need each other,
we put our differences aside,
bonding together in the Spirit,
lovingly fostering unity with all our hearts.



Open in Prayer

Pre-Video Scripture

Read: Acts 2:44-47 *And all the believers met together in one place and shared everything they had. They sold their property and possessions and shared the money with those in need. They worshiped together at the Temple each day, met in homes for the Lord's Supper, and shared their meals with great joy and generosity – all the while praising God and enjoying the goodwill of all the people. And each day the Lord added to their fellowship those who were being saved.*

Watch the Video Together

Video is found on RightNow Media, YouTube and mitchellberean.com/bethechurch/

Small Group Discussion

The Greek word for Fellowship is **Koinonia** (*koi·no·ni·a* : /,koinə'nēə/). The word has these three main ideas that define the word: Contributing, Participating and Sharing.

Contributing - Giving something to build up the group. Giving a tithe is one way of contributing to the Fellowship

How have you grown at giving to God's work?

Has it made a positive impact on your life to engage in giving to support God's work?

Participating - Involvement or taking part in what is happening; serving together.

How could serving together at church help grow the relationships in our group?

Here are some ways your group could serve together:

- **greet** once a month on connections team – Aaron Gorsuch - aaron@mitchellberean.com
- **keep** the building in good condition – Aaron Gorsuch - aaron@mitchellberean.com
- **listen** to verses at AWANA – Krista Wiedeman - awana@mitchellberean.com
- **join** the communion team – Mary Simpson - mary@mitchellberean.com

Sharing - Allowing others to use what you have: give to help others in need.

- **Gift** toward benevolence, meals or projects
- **Help** others by sharing what you have

In what ways have you been able to share what you have with others in the church?

Here are some ways you could help by sharing with others in our church:

Meal Ministry – Natalie Howard - nutmegsweets@gmail.com

Funeral Team – Mary Simpson - mary@mitchellberean.com

Meals for the Young Adults Ministry – Pastor Ben Phillips - pastorben@mitchellberean.com

The Enemies of Christian Community

Ephesians 4:2-6 *Always be humble and gentle. Be patient with each other, making allowance for each other's faults because of your love. Make every effort to keep yourselves united in the Spirit, binding yourselves together with peace. For there is one body and one Spirit, just as you have been called to one glorious hope for the future. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all, in all, and living through all.*

Pride and selfish ambition kill community - The antidote is humility and gentleness.

How can we protect against pride and selfish ambition in our church?

A judgmental critical spirit towards each other kills community - The antidote is love which leads to patience and grace: making allowance for each others faults.

How do we keep from becoming judgmental and critical towards others in our church?

Conflict kills community - The antidote is working for unity which is fostered by peace through the bond that the Holy Spirit creates in us.

How can we protect against conflict dividing our church?

Making majors out of the minors will kill community - The majors of our Faith are as follows:

The Church: the body of Christ

The Holy Spirit

One Hope: the second return and the resurrection

One Lord: the Savior, Jesus

One Faith: one way to salvation through Jesus alone

One Baptism: Baptism in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit

One God: the Father, Who is sovereign and supreme over everything

How do we ensure that we don't become divided over secondary issues of the faith or in areas where there is the freedom to hold different positions?

Close in Prayer

Pray that our eyes would be opened to opportunities for fellowship within the body of Christ.

Pray that God would reveal ways to contribute to the community and the unity of the body.

Pray for the individual needs within your group.

Pass It On

Lastly, if you or someone you know is looking for more opportunities to have *koinonia* (fellowship) with God's people, see available Groups in ChurchCenter:

