

The Habit of Authentic Fellowship

Seven Habits of Growing Christians #5 – Pastor Gary Combs – 10/5/14 – Acts 2:42-47

Acts 2:42-47 (ESV) ⁴²And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. ⁴³And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. ⁴⁴And all who believed were together and had all things in common. ⁴⁵And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

The habit of authentic fellowship is developed by devoting yourself to:

1. _____ in the authority of God's Word.

1 Thessalonians 2:13 (NIV) ... when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men, but as it actually is, the word of God, which is at work in you who believe.

2. _____ in the family of God's Son.

1 John 1:3 (NLT) We proclaim to you what we ourselves have actually seen and heard so that you may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ.

Ephesians 2:19 (NLT) ...you are no longer strangers and foreigners. You are citizens along with all of God's holy people. You are members of God's family.

3. _____ in the body of God's Son.

1 Corinthians 10:16 (KJV) The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ?

Ephesians 5:29 (NLT) ... just as Christ cares for his body, which is the church.

4. _____ in the pursuit of God's Kingdom.

Acts 1:14 (NIV) They all joined together constantly in prayer...

Acts 4:24, 31 (NIV) ...they raised their voices together in prayer to God. ...And when they had prayed, the place where they had gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak the word of God with boldness.