

WHAT EVERY CHRISTIAN NEEDS **Part 1**



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- "And the LORD God said, It is not good that the man should be alone..." **Genesis 2:18**
- God intended for us to share our lives with _____. It is what the Bible calls "fellowship."
- True fellowship is when a group of people _____ life with one another.
- "That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ... But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another..." **1 John 1:3, 7**
- Why is this so important? Why does the Bible put such a high premium on this thing called fellowship?
- When you are in a small group, and you are experiencing life together:

First, you are being _____-like.

- When Jesus began His public ministry to Israel, do you know what He did first? He formed a _____ group. Matthew 4:18-22

- From the very beginning, Jesus chose to establish and minister within a framework of interpersonal relationships.
- Christ emphasized _____, not programs. Because of this, He gave continuous time and attention to His small group, even after His resurrection. Luke 24:40-45; Acts 1:3

Second, you gain an extended _____.

- God has designed the _____ to be a place where you literally can gain an extended family. 1 Timothy 5:1-2
- Typically, you don't find an extended family by sitting in a _____ of people.
- True fellowship is sharing life together. Families share life together, and families come in _____ groups, not crowds.

God is calling you to true fellowship with other believers – a group that you can share and experience _____ with together.

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