



FELLOWSHIP IN THE FAMILY

Now that you have come to know Jesus you are part of God's family, with brothers and sisters all over the world. In our last study we learnt how important it is to meet together so we can grow in our relationship with God and serve one another. The Bible calls this fellowship.

1. WHAT IS FELLOWSHIP?

The word fellowship means 'to have something in common'.

✝ What do we have in common as members of God's family?

1 John 1:3 _____

1 John 1:7 _____

💡 In what ways can our fellowship with one another be hindered or spoilt do you think? Discuss.

We all have different friends – some who know Jesus and others who don't yet. However we can only have Christian fellowship with those who know Jesus and are 'living in the light'. If someone is 'living in the light' it means they are living in a way that pleases God.

2. WHEN DO WE FELLOWSHIP?

A long time ago God spoke to the children of Israel and told them to have one special day a week to honor him.

✝ What was the reason God gave this command?

Exodus 20:8-11 _____

✝ When did the early Christians meet for fellowship?

Acts 2:44, 46 _____ Acts 20:7 _____

The first Christians were Jews (Israelites) and so they continued to worship God in the temple on the Sabbath Day, which is a Saturday, just as they had always done. However they now began to meet on a Sunday as this was the day Jesus had risen from the dead. From this time on Christians set aside Sunday as their special day to worship God and have fellowship. It is important to do this, but we can also have fellowship at any other time.

3. WHERE DO WE FELLOWSHIP?

✝ Where did the first Christians meet to have fellowship?

Acts 2:46 _____ Acts 16:13 _____

Often Christians meet in a building called a church, but as we have learnt, the word 'church' really means a group of God's people who gather together for fellowship. We can meet anywhere and still be 'the church'!

🗨️ Imagine you go to a place where you cannot find a church building. What will you do? Discuss.

4. HOW DO WE FELLOWSHIP?



What are we to do when we meet to have fellowship with one another?

✝️ What did the first believers do when they met together? Acts 2:41-24

v42 _____ v44 _____

v46 _____

✝️ What else does the Word of God tell us to do when we meet?

1 Corinthians 14:26 _____

1 Corinthians 16:2 _____

As God's children it is important to have fellowship with one another. We can have this in a special building we call a church, or in a home, or even in a café! We should meet on a Sunday, but we can also meet at any other time. But true fellowship is more than meeting as friends; it is meeting with other believers, and making Jesus the center of our time together. You can do this by praying together, sharing testimonies, talking about His Word, encouraging one another or just enjoying His presence with you. Jesus promised: "Where two or three gather together because they are mine, I am among them."



Let's pray for our brothers and sisters who live in countries where it is dangerous to meet together, and ask God to protect them. Then pray for one another.

Memory Verse

"Where two or three gather together because they are mine, I am among them."

Matthew 18:20