**WHY IS FELLOWSHIP SO IMPORTANT?**

**1. I\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ IN GOD'S FAMILY WITH OTHER**

**BELIEVERS.**

"Let us do good to all people, especially to those who **belong to the family of believers.**" Galatians 6:10

"You are a member of God's very own family ... and **you belong** in God's household with every other Christian." Ephesians 2:19 (LB)

"So in Christ, we who are many form one body, and each member **belongs** to all the others!" Romans 12:5

"The Christian who is not committed to a group of other believers for praying, sharing, and serving, so that he is known, as he knows others, is not an obedient Christian. He is not in the will of God. However vocal he may be in his theology, he is not obeying the Lord." Dr. Ray Ortland

**2. I NEED \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ TO GROW SPIRITUALLY.**

"Let us think of one another and how we can encourage each other to love and do good deeds." Hebrews 10:24 (Ph)

"Two are better off than one ... If one of them falls down, the other can help him up. But if someone is alone and falls, it's just too bad, because there is no one to help him ... Two men can resist an attack that would defeat one man alone. A rope made of three cords is hard to break." Ecclesiastes 4:9-10,12 (GN)

**3. I NEED \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ TO GROW SPIRITUALLY**

"People learn from one another just as iron sharpens iron." Proverbs 27:17 (GN)

"Every day ... keep encouraging one another so that none of you is hardened by the glamour of sin." Hebrews 3:13 (JB)

"Brothers, if someone is trapped in some sin, you who are spiritual should **restore** him gently ... Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. Galatians 6:1-2

**4. CHRIST IS \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ WHEN WE FELLOWSHIP TOGETHER.**

"For wherever two or three have come together in my name, I am there, right among them!" Matthews 18:20 (GN)

**5. THERE IS\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_WHEN PEOPLE PRAY TOGETHER.**

"Whenever two of you on earth agree about anything you pray for, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven." Matthew 18:19 (GN)

**6. FELLOWSHIP IS A \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ TO THE WORLD.**

(Jesus) "My prayer for all of them is that they will be of one heart and mind .. so the world will believe you sent me." John 17:21(LB)

**7. I AM \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ TO EVERY OTHER CHRISTIAN**

"God has given you some special abilities; be sure to use them to help each other ...” 1 Peter 4:10 (LB)

There are different kinds of service to God ... together you form the body of Christ and each one of you is a necessary part of it." 1 Corinthians 122:5, 27 (LB)

**The "One Anothers" of Fellowship**

(Partial List)

Serve one another Galatians 5:13

Accept one another Romans 15:7

Forgive one another Colossians 3:13

Greet one another Romans 16:16

Bear one another's burdens Galatians 6:2

Be devoted to one another Romans 12:10

Honor one another Romans 12:10

Teach one another Romans 15:14

Submit to one another Ephesians 5:21

Encourage one another 1 Thessalonians 5:11

**HOW CAN A LARGE CHURCH MAINTAIN CLOSE FRIENDSHIPS?**

**EVERY MEMBER NEEDS TO BE A PART OF A \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

"(They met) day after day, in the **Temple courts** and from **house to house**." Acts 5:42

**2 Types of Church Meetings**

Large Groups – Sunday Worship:

Small Groups – Throughout Week:

"Greet the church that meets in their home." Romans 16:5

Also Acts 2:26, 8:3, 16:40, 20:20, 1 Corinthians 16:19, Colossians 4:15

At Lighthouse Church of Independence, we believe our church must ...

grow \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ at the same time.

**WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF OUR SMALL GROUPS?**

**Acts 2:42-47**

**1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

"They **DEVOTED THEMSELVES** to the apostle's teaching ..."

**2. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

" ...and to the fellowship ..."

**3. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

" ... and to the breaking of bread ..."

**4. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

" ... and to prayer ..."

"OUR FATHER ... give US ... OUR daily bread ... forgive US ... OUR ... debts ... as WE have forgive OUR debtors ...lead US not into temptation ... deliver US ..." Matthew 6:9-13

**5.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

" ... they gave to anyone as he had a need ..."

" ... you shared with me the **fellowship** of giving and receiving."

Philippians 4:15 (Ph)

**6. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

" ... they ate together with glad and sincere hearts ..."

"Get into **the habit** of inviting guests home for dinner or if they need lodging, for the night." Romans 12:13 (LB)

**7. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

" ... praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people."

**8. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

"And the Lord added to their number **daily** those who were being saved."