

Facilitator:

1. Open with Prayer
2. Welcome any newcomers
3. Try to keep your discussion to an hour and a half at the most.

CONNECT Group study questions for January 29, 2017

Title: “Doing Life Together” (Part 1) Selected Scriptures

Read: Acts 2:41-42

Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added to them. And they continued steadfastly in the apostles’ doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers.

Question:

When Pastor Peppy says, “Doing life together,” what does that mean to you? Does “doing life together” describe fellowship practiced among members of your group?

Discuss:

Being specific, discuss ways to improve fellowship within your group. **Facilitator:** By specific, we mean projects to work on together, members’ needs or burdens to meet or bear, or happy events to celebrate.

Question:

Why was fellowship in the early church such a high priority, and in what way is it as important in today’s 21st Century church? What impact has fellowship with Christians had on you? Have you ever used excuses to avoid fellowship with Christian believers? What were they?

Read: 2 Corinthians 6:14

Do not be unequally yoked with unbelievers. For what partnership has righteousness with lawlessness? Or what fellowship has light with darkness?

Question: How does 2 Corinthians 6:14 apply to what we have already learned about fellowship? Why is it important that the righteous not fellow-

ship with the lawless? What happens when the righteous do fellowship with the lawless?

Read: Galatians 5:16-25

But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit. Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.

Question:

In what ways have you experienced the repercussions of “unequally yoked” fellowship in your own life? Did you feel the pull in a direction you knew was not where the Spirit was leading you?