



# encounter.

a step-by-step guide through Scripture

## **disciple:**

// someone who follows Jesus and leads others to do the same.

Studying God's Word is one of the best ways to grow your relationship with God, be tuned to the Holy Spirit, and get to know Jesus intimately. John 1 tells us that the Word is God, the writer of Psalms tells us it will light our path, and Jesus tells us in John 8 if we abide in His Word, we are truly His disciples.

This tool is just one of the many ways to study the Bible and dive deeper into the passages we will be studying each weekend together. Our hope is that you begin to deeply understand the scripture we will be unpacking and allow God to speak to your heart before you even walk through the doors on Sunday.

This tool is designed to help guide you as you seek to understand the context of each verse, what it meant to its original audience, and what it means to us today.

There are a few ways you can utilize this PDF.

**01** Print the PDF.

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**02** Download the PDF, open in a notes app (GoodNotes, Notability, etc), fill it out digitally.

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**03** Use the PDF to transcribe into a notebook or journal.

### **5 Marks of a Disciple**

- Know Jesus Intimately
- Follow the Holy Spirit Relentlessly
- Obey God's Word Completely
- Love His Church Wholeheartedly
- Seek the Lost Intentionally



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Week of February 26<sup>th</sup> // Conversation March 3<sup>rd</sup>



This week's theme for the sermon series, "Love His Church" is Fellowship. The Greek word for fellowship is koinonia, (koy-nohn-ee'-ah) which is also translated as distribution or contribution because it has the idea of sharing our lives with others. In essence, fellowship emphasizes community, mutual support, and spiritual growth. It involves sharing life, resources, and faith with fellow Christians, fostering a sense of unity and love within the body of believers.

## pray.

The apostles helped create the early church, and we can use some of it as a model for our church today. Please spend time in prayer asking the Holy Spirit to teach you about one of those valuable components, fellowship.

## observe.

Marking key words in passages of Scripture helps to draw your attention to the main ideas/themes. It causes you to slow down and absorb what you're reading.

- 01** Mark all references to God and Lord with a .
- 02** Mark any reference to fellowship with a .
- 03** Underline everything Peter commands of us to have unity.

### **Acts 2:42-47 (NLT)**

<sup>42</sup> All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, and to fellowship, and to sharing in meals (including the Lord's Supper), and to prayer. <sup>43</sup> A deep sense of awe came over them all, and the apostles performed many miraculous signs and wonders. <sup>44</sup> And all the believers met together in one place and shared everything they had. <sup>45</sup> They sold their property and possessions and shared the money with those in need. <sup>46</sup> They worshiped together at the Temple each day, met in homes for the Lord's Supper, and shared their meals with great joy and generosity— <sup>47</sup> all the while praising God and enjoying the goodwill of all the people. And each day the Lord added to their fellowship those who were being saved.

### **I Thessalonians 5:11 (NLT)**

So encourage each other and build each other up, just as you are already doing.

### **I John 1:7 (NLT)**

But if we are living in the light, as God is in the light, then we have fellowship with each other, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, cleanses us from all sin.

### **1 Corinthians 1:9 (ESV)**

God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

### **Romans 1:12 (ESV)**

That is, that we may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith, both yours and mine.

### **I Peter 3:8 (ESV)**

Finally, all of you, have unity of mind, sympathy, brotherly love, a tender heart, and a humble mind.

### **Romans 12:10 (ESV)**

Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor.

# interpret.

**01** Using the scripture references listed above, how are we to be encouraging one another?

**02** Who is to be the basis for our fellowship? (Hint: I Corinthians)

**03** What cleanses us from all our sin?

# apply.

**01** Does fellowship look different in 2024 than in the days of the early church? Should it?

**02** Do you think there are any factors that stand in the way of our having fellowship?

**03** Reflect on Paul's phrase, "Outdo one another in showing honor." What do you think he means by that phrase?

# bring it together.

Fellowship (Koinonia) refers to the mutual responsibilities we have to each other like:

- Exhorting each other
- Helping each other when there's a need
- Encouraging each other when there are struggles
- Praying for each other
- Caring enough to rebuke each other
- Sharing our time, energy, and homes with each other
- Experience the same fair weather together.
- Experience the same storms together

Fellowship with other believers is extremely important. That is what changes an assembly or a congregation into a church. The one reason we emphasize being an active member of a local church is that you will have fellowship with them. You will have people who can pray for you and hold you accountable.

Fellowship: Building strong connections with fellow believers.

## connect.

We are available to answer any questions you might have.

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We believe life is better in circles. Groups are a great place to grow in your relationship with other believers and find encouragement and accountability as you grow in your relationship with God.

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