

# life|GROUPS

# 40's & 50's

Building Strong Families

## Why Fellowship Matters

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Whether you know it or not, being a part of something bigger and more permanent is God's desire for His people. A fellowship of believers maybe isn't the most convenient time and/or personality wise, but it is the most expedient for our faith and growth into the family of God.

God doesn't want us to do life by ourselves; that's why He created the church. The Church isn't a building; it's a gathering of people, its family.

What does the Bible say about gathering?

- Acts 2:42-47
- Acts 4:32-35
- 1 Peter 2:9-10
- John 17:23
- Matthew 16:18

Why is this fellowship thing so important?

1. Fellowship is where we grow together –  
1 Cor. 1:10
2. Fellowship is where we serve others  
1 Cor. 12:12-14; 24-26
3. Fellowship is where we encourage each other  
2 Cor. 1:3-11

## QUESTIONS

- How would you explain the “Church” to someone who has no knowledge of Christianity?
- What do you think it means to be a part of the family of God?
- How would you describe your role in the fellowship of other believers? Where do you feel you’re doing well and where do you need to make some changes?
- What is the most difficult part of being in a small group for you personally? How do you overcome the issues?
- Think back on the fruit of the spirit (Galatians 5: 22-23) How does being in a small group develop each of these qualities in someone’s life?
- When you think about this fellowship how do you think Satan would attack you and your group? What would be his goal when it comes to commitment?  
Communication? Friendships? Honesty? Etc.
- How do you combat these attacks?
- What does the fellowship God wants for you look like? What will it take for you and others in your group to experience it?