

Discipleship Bible Study—Fellowship & the Local Church

And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith...(2 Peter 1:5)

This study looks at the need for each Christian to have fellowship with other believers. God's plan is that fellowship should be found in the local church. A church is not the bricks and mortar that make up a physical building, but a "family" of saved people. Please pray first.

(1) Look at 1 Peter 2:1-5, and answer the following questions...

(1.1) Believers are to lay aside some things (v1)? List these things in the spaces below:

_____ .

(1.2) To what are new believers compared (v2)?

New believers are like _____ .

(1.3) What are believers to desire (v2)?

Believers are to desire the _____ of the Word.

(1.4) What is the result of feeding on God's Word (v2)?

The new believer will _____ .

(1.5) To what are believers compared (1 Peter 2:5a)?

Believers are compared to living (lively) _____ (i.e. building blocks).

(1.6) Into what are these being built (1 Peter 2:5)?

Believers are being built into a spiritual _____
and a holy _____ .

(2) Now look at Acts 2:41-42.

(2.1) What happened to those who gladly received the Word of God through Peter (v41)?

They were _____ .

(2.2) In what city were they (see Acts 2:5)? They were in _____.

To what were they added (v41)? See Acts 1:15 also.

They were added to the _____ .

(2.3) List the four the four things in which they continued (v42).

- The _____ ,
- _____ ,
- _____ of _____ ,
- and _____

(2.4) In what **manner** did they continue in these things (v42)?

They continued _____ in these things.

(3) Read Hebrews 10:24-25, and answer the following questions...

(3.1) Who are believers to consider (v24)?

Believers are to consider one _____..

Note that God intends this to happen within the local church as we will see in (3.3).

(3.2) What purpose should be in mind (v24)?

To provoke unto _____ and _____ .

(3.3) What are believers not to neglect (stop) (v25)?

Believers are not to neglect (stop) _____ together.

Where does this take place in your area? _____

(3.4) What do you think will be the result of such a neglect (v25 & 1 Peter 2:2)?

Neglectful believers will become _____

(3.5) Is this matter of attending church, a command of God, or an option to take or leave as you wish (v24-25)? Delete one of the following:

- It's a command.
- It's an option.

(3.6) What should make believers more urgent about this matter (v25)?

Believers should become more urgent as they see the _____ approaching.

(3.7) What day is that?

It's the day of _____ .

(3.8) Where does God intend that a Christian hear the Word of God taught?

A Christian should hear the Word of God in a Bible teaching _____ .

See Acts 2:41-42 & Ephesians 4:11-12. Christian TV/radio/recordings can never replace real fellowship in a local church.

Conclusion: The Word of God teaches that every believer is to be committed to a good Bible teaching church. Be sure to attend every service in your local church, and only miss for very pressing unavoidable reasons. Do not allow trivial things to keep you from being with God's people in the local church whenever the doors are open. When you miss church for something else, you are making a statement that this other thing is more important to you.

Memory verse—

Hebrews 10:25

Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another...

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