

THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE CHURCH

Read: Acts 2:42

1. Relate the importance of fellowship to the Christian who
 - a. has experienced a traumatic or tragic life event (e.g., death of family member, loss of job, divorce, etc.)
 - b. has been counseling an immature Christian who is expressing worldly concepts, gross misunderstanding of Scripture, and lack of desire for growing in the grace and knowledge of the Lord.
 - c. is facing great temptation
 - d. is dealing with a situation in which their options conflict with Bible teaching.
2. Explain what you think Donald G. Hunt means by this statement: "One reason . . . some who claim to be Christians do not search out the fellowship of Christians is that sin is not as abhorrent to them as it ought to be."
3. What are some practical benefits of our fellowship to our brothers and sisters, according to the following Scriptures?
 - a. Hebrews 3:12-13
 - b. Ephesians 6:18
 - c. Romans 14:21
 - d. 1 John 3:17
 - e. Galatians 6:1-2
 - f. Hebrews 10:24
4. In light of the foregoing passages, how might you respond to a professing Christian who says he does not need to be a part of an "organized religion" or to attend the meetings of the church?
5. Explain why you agree or disagree with the sentiment expressed by Donald G. Hunt, who says "If you have the problem of not desiring regular attendance with the brethren, you might well know that your love for the brethren is not what it ought to be."
6. Explain the value of your fellowship with the church in terms of
 - a. your evangelistic outreach to the lost people in your sphere of influence. What role does fellowship with the church play in the evangelistic process?
 - b. your discipline of life (1 Cor. 5:1-13; 2 Thess. 3:6-15)