



Our Life together 1

Discuss – What are your expectations, hopes of what a church should be?
How much do you invest to see these expectations become a reality / and how?

In the word of God it is clear that when you become a Christian you are no longer just an individual responsible for yourself, but that God has united you with all who call themselves Christians. The bible makes clear that these people make up the nation of God and together become spiritual brothers and sisters not only with each other but also with Christ. This unity of spiritual new birth is meant to affect us and our relationship with each other at a dramatic level, resulting in a commitment and openness to each other that God can use to establish His Kingdom people.

Read Quote -

“ You are cleansed by the same blood, regenerated by the same Spirit. You are a Citizen of the same City, a slave to the same Master, a reader of the same Scriptures, a Worshipper of the same God. The same Presence dwells silently in you as in them. Therefore you are committed to them and they to you. They are your brothers and sisters, your fathers, mothers and children of God. Whether you like or dislike them, you belong to them. you have a responsibility to them that must be discharged in love. As long as you live on this earth you are in their debt. Whether they have done much or little for you, Christ has done it all. He demands that your indebtedness to Him be transferred to your new family!!

John White

Split the Group up into small groups and give each a different passage. Get them to answer the questions and feedback to wider group.

Passages – 1 Corinthians Ch 12 v 12 – 27, Galatians Ch 6 v 1 – 10, Ephesians Ch 4 v 25 – 32, Colossians Ch 3 v 12 – 17, 1 John Ch 3 v 16 – 23

Each group answer the following questions then feedback to wider group.

- A) What responsibilities does this passage give to each of us regarding our brothers and sisters in Christ?
- B) How far along do you feel the people in our church are in being obedient in this area of Christian relationships?
- C) What practical things do you think we can do to both challenge the people to behave like this and give them opportunity to do so?
- D) Are you willing to develop these attitudes in your life if so how / if not why not?

One of the important callings of the people of God is that we learn to be honest with each other and learn to share one another's burdens. Scripture makes it clear that we are to confess both our needs and sins to each other and seek the prayers of our Christian family in helping us on our journey of faith.

Discuss – **How** honest do you think we are with each other?

What stops us from being honest and sharing more openly with each other?

How/ what do you think we can do/ develop to encourage more openness in sharing in all areas of the churches life?

What do you need personal to help you share more of yourself with others?

In the word of God both the experience of answered prayer and massive anointing for ministry comes only on a church that is united and owning Christian relationships with each other. 1 John Ch 4 v 12 says “No one has seen God at any time, but if we love one another, God abides in us and His love is perfected in us.” As we embody Kingdom relationships , the lost are drawn to the church and find a place of security, acceptance, healing and salvation. Much of this is modelled by the intimacy of the already existing members of the fellowship.

Discuss – How much do you want to see our church grow?

How willing are you then to develop intimate and caring relationships even with those you don't like in the church?