

# UNDERSTANDING CHURCH FELLOWSHIP

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*“<sup>18</sup>And the LORD God said, “It is not good for the man to be alone.” Genesis 2:18*

## I. WHAT IS IT LIKE TO BE SPIRITUALLY CONNECTED TO A CHURCH?

### 1. IT'S LIKE BEING \_\_\_\_\_

*“<sup>20</sup>We are his house, built on the foundation of the apostles and the prophets. And the cornerstone is Christ Jesus himself. <sup>21</sup>We who believe are carefully joined together, becoming a holy temple for the Lord. <sup>22</sup>Through him you Gentiles are also joined together as part of this dwelling where God lives by his Spirit.” Ephesians 2:20-22*

#### IMPLICATIONS:

**i. The Church Provides Me With \_\_\_\_\_**

**ii. In Order To Receive Support & Strength, I \_\_\_\_\_**

**iii. In Order To Receive Or Give Support, I Must \_\_\_\_\_**

### 2. IT'S LIKE BEING A \_\_\_\_\_

*“<sup>4</sup> Just as our bodies have many parts and each part has a special function, <sup>5</sup> so it is with Christ's body. We are many parts of one body, and we all belong to each other. <sup>6</sup> In his grace, God has given us different gifts for doing certain things well. So if God has given you the ability to prophesy, speak out with as much faith as God has given you. <sup>7</sup> If your gift is serving others, serve them well. If you are a teacher, teach well. <sup>8</sup> If your gift is to encourage others, be encouraging. If it is giving, give generously. If God has given you leadership ability, take the responsibility seriously. And if you have a gift for showing kindness to others, do it gladly.” Romans 12:4-8*

#### IMPLICATIONS:

**i. The Church Provides Me Everything I Need To \_\_\_\_\_**

**ii. I \_\_\_\_\_ In My Church**

**iii. If I Don't Do My Part, The \_\_\_\_\_**

**iv. If I Do My Part, I Contribute To The Body's \_\_\_\_\_**

**v. In Order To Thrive, I Must Be \_\_\_\_\_**

### 3. IT'S LIKE BEING \_\_\_\_\_

*“<sup>3</sup> Acknowledge that the LORD is God! He made us, and we are his. We are his people, the sheep of his pasture.” Psalm 100:3*

*“<sup>11</sup> I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup>A hired hand will run when he sees a wolf coming. He will leave the sheep because they aren't his and he isn't their shepherd. And so the wolf attacks them and scatters the flock. <sup>13</sup>The hired hand runs away because he is merely hired and has no real concern for the sheep. <sup>14</sup>I am the good shepherd; I know my own sheep, and they know me, <sup>15</sup>just as my Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep.” John 10:11-15*

*“<sup>27</sup> My sheep recognize my voice; I know them, and they follow me. <sup>28</sup>I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them away from me, <sup>29</sup>for my Father has given them to me, and he is more powerful than anyone else. So no one can take them from me.” John 10:27-29*

*“<sup>2</sup> Care for the flock of God entrusted to you. Watch over it willingly, not grudgingly—not for what you will get out of it, but because you are eager to serve God.” 1 Peter 5:2*

#### **IMPLICATIONS:**

**i. The Church Provides Me With \_\_\_\_\_**

**ii. In Order To Benefit, I Must Be Humble & Maintain \_\_\_\_\_**

**iii. In Order To Maximize Care & Protection, I Must Be \_\_\_\_\_**

#### **4. IT'S LIKE BEING A \_\_\_\_\_**

*“<sup>15</sup> I want you to know how people who are members of God's family must live. God's family is the church.” 1 Timothy 3:15*

*“<sup>9</sup> Don't just pretend to love others. Really love them. Hate what is wrong. Hold tightly to what is good. <sup>10</sup> Love each other with genuine affection, and take delight in honoring each other. <sup>11</sup> Never be lazy, but work hard and serve the Lord enthusiastically. <sup>12</sup> Rejoice in our confident hope. Be patient in trouble, and keep on praying. <sup>13</sup> When God's people are in need, be ready to help them. Always be eager to practice hospitality.” Romans 12:9-12*

*“<sup>34</sup> So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other. <sup>35</sup> Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples.” John 13:34-35*

#### **IMPLICATIONS:**

**i. The Church Provides Family Members To \_\_\_\_\_**

**ii. If I Want To Receive Love & Encouragement, I \_\_\_\_\_**

**iii. Like Any Other Family, I Can Feel \_\_\_\_\_ As I Choose!**

**KEY: LOVE IS THE \_\_\_\_\_ ALL  
TOGETHER**

*“<sup>14</sup> Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds us all together in perfect harmony.”  
Colossians 3:14*