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Sunday, October 9, 2011

**“JESUS’ BIBLE FELLOWSHIP GROUP”**

(John 11:53-54)

Our Bible Fellowship Groups are the Bible teaching, people reaching, ministering arm of our church. They are “the church organized.” They make a large church small and its attention, personal. What can we learn from the example of Jesus and His Bible Fellowship Group – the twelve disciples?

*“Since we are all one body in Christ, we belong to each other and each of us needs all the others” (Romans 12:5, NLT).*

*“I’m writing so that you’ll know how to live in the family of God. That family is the church” (1 Timothy 3:14-15, NCV).*

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*“Since we are all one body in Christ, we belong to each other and each of us needs all the others” (Romans 12:5, NLT).*

*“His unchanging plan has always been to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ. And this gave him great pleasure” (Ephesians 1:5, NLT).*

*“And God himself has commanded that we must love not only him but our Christian brothers and sisters, too” (1 John 4:21, NLT).*

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**1. A BFG should focus on love for Jesus (John 12)**

*“Here a dinner was given in Jesus’ honor” (John 12:2, NIV).*

*“Look how the whole world has gone after him!” (John 12:19, NIV).*

*“We would like to see Jesus” (John 12:21, NIV).*

*“But I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to myself” (John 12:32, NIV).*

**2. A BFG should love one another (John 13).**

*“I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you” (John 13:15, NIV).*

*“As I have loved you, so you must love one another” (John 13:34, NIV).*

*“By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another” (John 13:35, NIV).*

**3. A BFG should be an encouraging environment (John 14).**

*“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me” (John 14:1, NIV).*

*“Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid” (John 14:27, NIV).*

*“Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching” (Hebrews 10:25, NIV).*

*“And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds” (Hebrews 10:24, NIV).*

*“If you love me, you will obey what I command” (John 14:15, NIV).*

**4. A BFG should be a producer of spiritual fruit (John 15).**

*“I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing” (John 15:5, NIV).*

*“You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit—fruit that will last” (John 15:16, NIV).*

**5. A BFG should be a place of accountability (John 16).**

*“All this I have told you so that you will not go astray” (John 16:1, NIV).*

*“When He comes, he will convict the world of guilt in regard to sin and righteousness and judgment” (John 16:8, NIV).*

*“So then each of us shall give account of himself to God” (Romans 14:12, NIV).*

**6. A BFG should be a stronghold of prayer (John 17).**

*“My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me” (John 17:20-21, NIV).*

**7. A BFG should teach God’s truth (John 18).**

*“For this reason I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me” (John 18:37, NIV).*

*“You diligently study the Scriptures because you think that by them you possess eternal life. These are the Scriptures that testify about me, yet you refuse to come to me to have life” (John 5:39-40, NIV).*