

May 2, 2018

## You Have a Friend in Me

Read the Mission Statement. Encourage everyone to be involved but to be sure and allow others to participate and to keep their comments on topic.

### ICE BREAKER:

Go around the room and ask each person who their best friend was as a child and if they have a quick funny story to share? (If appropriate)

### LESSON:

This past Sunday we focused on what makes up a church that someone can love. Like the first church that we read about in the Book of Acts, the church of today must reflect their love for Jesus in a few ways.

1. We must have faithfulness and enthusiasm in both the Doctrine taught by the Apostles and in fellowship.
2. Fellowship in the church means we spend time together, not only at church but also outside of the church.
3. When we fellowship we do so by spending time together doing events that both feed the body and the soul. We eat meals together but we also experience spiritual events together, such as praying and studying the Bible together.
4. By focusing on the needs of others more than our own wants we create a place of unity. And through selfness the world and those around us will know that we love them.

### DISCUSSION

1. How important is it that we fellowship with one another? Does it really make a difference?
2. Why do we sometimes struggle in building and keeping relationships with others in the church?
3. The days of sitting on the front porch talking to our neighbors seem to be gone. What have we lost because we have become less accessible to our community? How do we get good parts back?

Fellowship in the Church is very important. It allows others to love us but it also opens the door for us to love others.

Invite someone in your group or from the church to go and eat on Sunday, or for coffee sometime this next week.

### PRAY:

Have a few people pray, asking God to help us to show love and to fellowship the way God desires us to.

### **HOME FELLOWSHIP MISSION STATEMENT**

It is the mission of the Home Groups to provide the Body of Christ a safe haven to minister to the needs of others by opening our homes in fellowship, joining together in worship, and encouraging each other to become more like Christ.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- Graduation Sunday – May 27<sup>th</sup> 11 AM service with Reception to follow
- Camps start in June – must turn in camp registrations soon