

EXPERIENCING GOD KINGDOM PEOPLE

When you respond to God's invitation to an intimate love relationship with Him, He brings you into a special partnership with Himself. In this relationship with Christ, you become involved in His mission to reconcile a lost world to God. To be related to Christ is to be on mission with Him. You cannot be in relationship with Jesus and not be on mission.

Jesus now functions as the Head of His body...the local church...to guide it in carrying out the will of the Father. God established the church so He could continue His redemptive work in the world. When Christ functions as the Head of His church, God will use that body to carry out His will.

When you adjust your life to God and become a Kingdom oriented person, He will involve you in His work anywhere He chooses.

In the mind and teaching of Jesus, a church was a vital, living, dynamic fellowship of believers. 1st John tells us that our relationships with our fellow brothers and sisters are an expression of our relationship with Him. You cannot be in true fellowship with God and out of fellowship with other believers.

If you love God, your love for your fellow Christians will be obvious. You will be patient and kind. You will not hold grudges. You will rejoice in truth and righteousness, not in evil. You will hope for the best in others and you will persevere in love.

This Godlike love grows from an intimate love relationship with Him. John 13:35 tells us, "By this everyone will know you are my disciples, if you love one another."

If you say your fellowship with the Lord is good but your fellowship with other Christians is poor, something is wrong. If you walk in intimate fellowship with God, you will enjoy good fellowship with your brothers and sisters in Christ.

A believer cannot experience God in all the dimensions God intends for him or her apart from the body of Christ...a local church. As you experience fellowship with other believers, you experience a greater dimension of God's presence at work in your own world.

God has made a way through which you and your church can touch the world for Him. Allow Him to break down any barriers that may prevent you from experiencing God through fellowship with others.

The Essentials of Fellowship

1. We must love God with our total being
2. We must submit to God's leading
3. We must experience God in a real and personal way
4. We must completely trust God

Fellowship with God is an experience of His presence. Fellowship with God is the basic element of salvation and eternal life. True fellowship is only possible if we are willing to submit to the lordship of Christ in the church.

Your fellowship with God is based on your personal experience with Him. No one can have that experience for you. Your relationship with Him must be real and personal.

Only a personal encounter with the living Christ will result in true fellowship.