# UNITED IN CHRIST: THE ESSENCE OF CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

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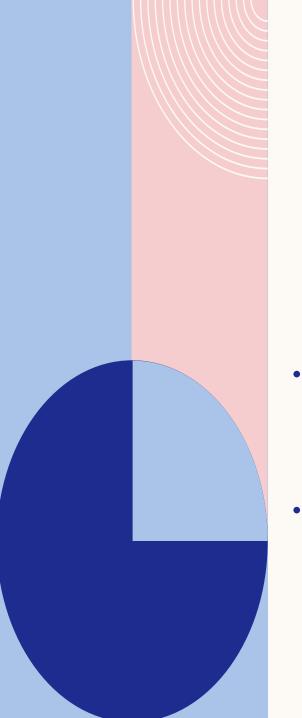
#### INTRODUCTION

- Definition of Christian Fellowship
  - Communion with fellow believers
  - Sharing in the love and grace of Christ
- The Necessity of Fellowship
  - Early Christian community in Acts
    2:42-47
  - Significance of fellowship in the Christian journey
- Invitation to Reflect

## FOUNDATION IN THE WORD

Key Verses

- Practical Applications
- Acts 2:42-47 The early Christian community
- Application of Acts2:42-47 principles
- 1 John 1:7 Walking in the light together
- Embracing 1 John 1:7 in Christian relationships
- Romans 12:4-5 One body, many members
- Recognizing our unity in Romans 12:4-5



#### THE ROLE OF LOVE

#### **KEY VERSES**

- John 13:34-35 Love as the defining mark of discipleship
- 1 Corinthians 13:4-7 Characteristics of Christian love

## PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS

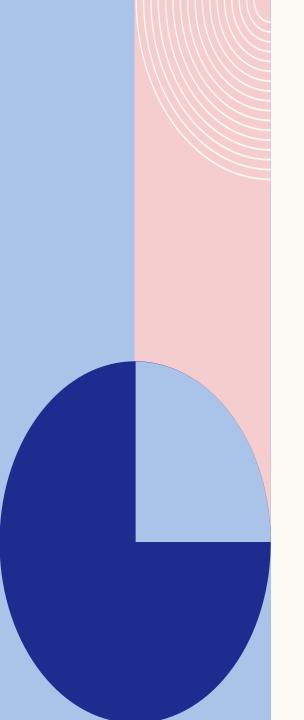
- Genuine care for one another
- Sacrificial love in action
- Love in times of disagreement
- The Witness of Love to the World

#### MUTUAL EDIFICATION

- Key Verses
  - Hebrews 10:24-25 Stirring up love and good works
  - Ephesians 4:11-16 Building up the body of Christ
- Importance of Spiritual Growth
  - Encouraging one another in faith
  - Sharing spiritual insights and wisdom
- Practical Applications
  - Small groups and accountability
- The Result of Mutual Edification

# OVERCOMING DIFFERENCES

- Key Verses
  - Galatians 3:26-28 Unity in Christ
  - Philippians 2:1-4 Putting others before ourselves
- Embracing Diversity
  - Appreciating various gifts and talents
  - Resolving conflicts with humility and grace
- The Strength of Unity in Diversity



## SUPPORT IN TIMES OF TRIAL

- Key Verses
  - 1 Thessalonians 5:11 Encouraging one another
  - James 5:16 Praying for each other
- Bearing Each Other's Burdens
  - Sharing joys and sorrows
  - Providing practical assistance and comfort
- Christianity Is A Culture of Support
  - Utilizing spiritual gifts for mutual edification
- The Redemptive Power of Support

#### **HOW WE GET THERE**



#### **SCRIPTURE**

- Acts 2:42-47
- 1 John 1:7
- Romans 12:4-5
- John 13:34-35
- 1 Cor. 13:4-7
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- Galatians 3:28
- Philippians 2:1-4
- 1Thes 5:11
- James 5:16



#### **KEY POINTS**

- Need for Community
- Role of Love
- Mutual Edification
- Unity in Diversity
- Support in Times of Trial



### CALL TO ACTION

- Cultivating fellowship
- Commitment to love, edify, and support
- Fostering an atmosphere of unity and diversity
- Praying for the strength to live out these principles