



# CREATING A CARING CONGREGATION

*(Practicing the "One Anothers" of the Bible)*

## **"Fellowshipping With One Another"**

1 John Chapter 1

**Wednesday, May 3, 2023**

Why is it beneficial for Christians to study the one anothers of the bible? How would your relationships change if you committed to being a doer of the word of God as it relates to the one anothers of the bible? (Read James 1:22-25) Imagine practicing the one anothers in your home and local church congregation. Will you commit to do your part of one another relationships?

1. Fellowship is a common word used throughout the Christian community. The word fellowship is used three times in the first chapter of 1 John, what do you understand the word fellowship to mean? The word fellowship in this context means to share and participate in life together with someone or others. John is specifically speaking of sharing life with God in the Christian community or family of God.
2. Read 1 John 1:1-5. Why does John say the apostles are telling the readers about Jesus and their involvement with him? John wants his readers to have fellowship with him and the other apostles and Christians. Do you believe Christian fellowship is important?
- 3 John says their fellowship is with God the Father and God the Son. Do you usually associate the word fellowship with God the Father and Jesus Christ the Son? How does a person fellowship with God the Father? How does a person fellowship with God the Son? Do you have an ongoing fellowship with God?
- 4 According to 1 John 1:5, What does John say God is? What does John say God is not? Where does John say he received this message about God? Do you believe that John's statement about God is true? How does the knowledge John provides in this verse affect your fellowship with God?
- 5 1 John 1:6 teaches that it is possible to lie about having fellowship with God. Why do you think a person would lie about fellowshiping with God? Do you think being religious might sometimes be confused with fellowshiping with God? What does it mean to walk in darkness? What does it mean to not do the truth? How would being out of fellowship with God affect a person's relationships with others?

- 6 According to 1 John 1:7, what happens when believers walk in the light? How does our fellowship with God affect Christian's fellowship with one another?
- 7 According to 1 John 1:8-10 how must Christians respond to sin if they are to fellowship with God? What happens if a Christian says he has no sin? What happens if we confess our sins?
  - Carefully reflect upon your profession that you have a relationship with God and what that means to you.
  - What is it like when you and God are fellowshiping?
  - What place does prayer and Bible reading/study have in your fellowship with God? How much time do you spend fellowshiping with God in that way?
  - Can your attitude and actions truly be traced to your fellowship with God?
  - What is your fellowship like with other Christians? How is the fellowship affected by your fellowship with God?
  - How is your fellowship with Christians different from your time with non-Christians?
  - How is your behavior with others different because you fellowship with God?
  - Do you think the people you closely associate with sense that you fellowship with God? What does fellowshiping with God look like in your marriage, friendships, giving, local church involvement, etc.?
  - Do you seek to quickly confess and forsake your sins to God because of your fellowship with God?
  - Honestly, do you mostly walk in the light with God or in darkness?
  - Talk to God tonight about your fellowship with him if you are saved and ask him to help you walk closer to him. You and the people around you will be glad you did.