

# CHRIST COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP

## WHY CHRIST COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP ?

CHRIST COMMUNITY, SIMPLY PUT, IS SHARING A COMMON LIFE IN CHRIST WITH OTHER BELIEVERS. THE CHRISTIAN NEEDS ANOTHER CHRISTIAN WHO WILL SPEAK GOD'S WORDS TO HIM. HE NEEDS HIM TIME AND TIME AGAIN WHEN HE BECOMES UNCERTAIN AND DISCOURAGED, FOR BY HIMSELF HE WILL MERELY STRUGGLE AND FAILURE WILL SEEM CERTAIN. WE WILL STRIVE TO BUILD A FELLOWSHIP OF ENCOURAGERS AND BURDEN BEARERS.

THE LANGUAGE OF CHRIST COMMUNITY MUST REVEAL A LOVE FOR ONE ANOTHER. WE MUST BE WILLING TO SHOW FORGIVENESS TOWARD EACH OTHER NO MATTER WHAT THE GRIEVANCE MAY BE. JESUS CHRIST MUST BE OUR PERFECT EXAMPLE OF HOW TO FORGIVE. WE MUST REGARD EACH OTHER MORE HIGHLY THAN OURSELVES, WE WILL TEACH AND CORRECT EACH OTHER IN LOVE. WE MUST ALWAYS ENCOURAGE EACH OTHER, PRAY FOR EACH OTHER, AND BEAR ONE ANOTHER'S BURDENS.

TO BE A UNIQUE FELLOWSHIP WE MUST BE KIND AND COMPASSIONATE IN OUR HOSPITALITY. WE MUST SERVE ONE ANOTHER AND SUBMIT TO ONE ANOTHER OUT OF REVERENCE TO OUR LORD AND SAVIOR. THESE ARE MERELY A FEW OF THE THINGS THAT WILL CHARACTERIZE OUR COMMUNITY, BUT THEY MUST BE AT THE HEART AND SOUL OF OUR FELLOWSHIP.

ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT WAYS OUR FELLOWSHIP HELPS THE CHRISTIAN IS BY EMBODYING CHRIST'S PRESENCE ON EARTH. WHEN I AM ACCEPTED BY MY BROTHERS AND SISTERS, I SOMEHOW FEEL CHRIST'S ACCEPTANCE OF ME NO MATTER WHERE I AM IN MY CHRISTIAN WALK. WHEN I EXPERIENCE THE FORGIVENESS OF MY BROTHERS AND SISTERS FOR MY SHORTCOMINGS, I CAN ALSO ENJOY THE FORGIVENESS OF A LOVING GOD. WHEN YOU PRAY FOR MY BROKENNESS I KNOW THAT YOU ALSO WILL BE REJOICING IN THE HEALING WORK OF JESUS CHRIST. WHEN WE FEEL THE HOSTILITY OF THE WORLD AND THE SORROWS OF OUR FAILURES WE KNOW THAT CHRIST COMMUNITY WILL BE THERE TO SURROUND US WITH COMPASSION AND ENCOURAGEMENT. OUR GOAL AT CCF IS TO LIGHTEN THE LOAD OF THOSE WHO ARE CARRYING A HEAVY LOAD, STRENGTHEN THEM, ENCOURAGE THEM, AND THE SPIRIT OF GOD WILL GIVE THEM THE COURAGE TO GO FORWARD.

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CCF WILL HELP US GROW BY BEING A WORKSHOP OF PRAYER, WORSHIP, AND TEACHING. WE WILL ACCOMPLISH THIS THROUGH INSTRUCTION AND EXAMPLE. AS WE TEACH OTHERS WE OURSELVES WILL LEARN, AS WE PRAY FOR OTHERS WE WILL REJOICE IN THE HEALING WORK OF JESUS CHRIST. WE WILL NOT ONLY LEARN TO WORSHIP IN THE SANCTUARY BUT ALSO IN OUR PRIVATE LIVES. AS WE LEARN THE WAYS OF WORSHIP, PRAISE, AND TEACHING WE WILL NOT ONLY DEEPEN OUR LIVES BUT WE WILL ENRICH THE LIFE OF CCF.

CCF WILL BE A PLACE WHERE WE LEARN TO STRIP AWAY OUR SELF-INTEREST IN ORDER TO SERVE OTHERS. IT IS HERE WHERE WE WILL LEARN TO SHARE WHAT GOD HAS GIVEN US WHETHER IT BE MATERIAL GOODS OR SPIRITUAL GIFTS. IT IS HERE THAT WE WILL LEARN TO BE SERVED, THOUGH WE MAY BE PRIDEFUL AND RELUCTANT. SERVING IS NOT ALWAYS WASHING OTHERS FEET, SOMETIMES ITS ALLOWING OTHERS TO WASH YOUR FEET.

CCF BY ITS ACTIONS AND CHARACTER WILL DISPLAY THE POWER AND PRESENCE OF GOD IN THE WORLD. WE WILL CONTINUALLY STRIVE TO BE THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD. SHINNING LIKE BRIGHT STARS, ALWAYS REFLECTING THE BRIGHTNESS OF GOD. AT CCF THE NEW-COMER SHOULD SEE WHAT THEY HOPE FOR, AND FIND WHAT THEY HARDLY EXPECT; PEOPLE SERVING ONE ANOTHER, PEOPLE DEMONSTRATING LOVE AND COMPASSION, ACCEPTANCE AND KINDNESS. COMMODITIES THAT ARE SHORT IN SUPPLY IN TODAY'S WORLD.

CCF WILL BE AN AMBASSADOR OF GOD'S LOVE. WE WILL NOT ONLY DEMONSTRATE HIS LOVING KINDNESS WE WILL MEDIATE IT. WE WILL CARRY OUR MINISTRIES TO THOSE AROUND US, BRINGING GOD'S MESSAGE TO A BROKEN WORLD.

AT CCF OUR WORK WILL GO FORWARD VISIBLY IN MANY DIFFERENT WAYS. STRUCTURE WILL NOT BE OUR FOCAL POINT, RELATIONSHIPS WILL BE OUR STRENGTH. WE CAN WORK TOGETHER AS GOD DESIRES US TO IN A VARIETY OF WAYS-WAYS THAT STRENGTHEN THE BODY, NOT WEAKENS.

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