



## Fellowship & Community

Hebrews 10:24-25

Handout May 26, 2023

Welcome back and here we go!

Can I say thank you? Thank you to everyone who made our sale a success.

What made it a success --- or makes it a success? Often in counseling I will ask people if they are a success? Really, success is measured in whether or not goals are met, I suppose.

I feel like I am a success, not because of possessions or position --- no, rather because I am at peace. I am productive and I truly give my best.

Most importantly --- I am content!

***Matthew 6:33-34 'But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you. Therefore, do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.'***

1) First --- \_\_\_\_\_ God.

What does it mean to seek God? Go after Him, strive to learn, be a part of fellowship.

In Acts, the early church met daily. That is pretty intense to me. But it shows a real desire to learn and to have community.

2) If you want to \_\_\_\_\_ --- you must \_\_\_\_\_!

As a believer it is up to you to have a daily intake of Doctrine and God's Word.

*The greatest occupational hazard of a believer is the failure to grow in knowledge and in grace!*

***Jeremiah 29:11-14a 'For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the Lord , thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope. Then you will call upon Me and go and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart. I will be found by you, says the Lord , and I will bring you back from your captivity...'***

Where are you captive in your life --- with hurt, unforgiveness, depression, addictions...?

We talk about these things rather easily, but the truth is --- all of us are captive somewhere. Don't you want freedom? I know you do.

3) It all starts with \_\_\_\_\_!

***1 John 1:9 'If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.'***

But from there we need true understanding in order to move beyond our captivity. Paul always prays for us to have more understanding and discernment. You only get that through study of the Word.

So again, I shamelessly say:

We have Discipleship classes on Mondays and Bible Studies on Tuesdays (3 different times). We are in Ruth (Discipleship class) and studying the Doctrine of Sin (Bible Study).

***Hebrews 10:24-25 'And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.'***

If anything, our sale showed me the strength of our community and our ability to reach our community.

Use Kathy's Board for sharing. Join us as events and opportunities present themselves. Attend classes. BE PRESENT.

I love this group of people. This is the group God has entrusted me and Alma with, entrusted our Board of Directors with, entrusted each of us with.

***Psalms 37:4 'Delight yourself also in the Lord , And He shall give you the desires of your heart.'***

4) God knows your \_\_\_\_\_ already.

Believe me, He knows if He is your desire.

As we do communion together tonight, we continue to bind ourselves together. Communion means *to be in agreement.....*

By the way, in ***Hebrews 10:25*** some versions say "neglect". Others say "forsake".

"Neglect" - fail to care for properly.

"Forsake" - abandon.

I pray you commit to being more involved with classes and with participating.

"Communion"

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Tuesday Bible Study: "Sin - Part 4

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