

Growth Groups

As believers we know that fellowship is important. The third part of our mission statement is to “Connect with Each Other.” The Oxford English Dictionary defines fellowship this way:

*To commune with (a person) as a fellow Christian*¹

Ezra Taft Benson, a former United States Secretary of Agriculture said this about fellowship:

*The fellowship of true friends who can hear you out, share your joys, help carry your burdens, and correctly counsel you is priceless.*²

One very good way to experience rich fellowship in our church is by getting involved in a growth group. Here is the purpose of growth groups in our policy manual:

*Growth groups are small groups of church members, attendees, and (occasionally) nonattendees who meet regularly in the homes of group members for the following purpose, to achieve spiritual growth in each member.*³

One of my favorite verses that talks about the benefit of fellowship is in the book of Hebrews.

Hebrews 10:24-25 ²⁴*And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works,* ²⁵*not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.*

¹ "fellowship, v." OED Online. Oxford University Press, June 2021. Web. 25 August 2021.

² "Ezra Taft Benson Quotes." BrainyQuote.com. BrainyMedia Inc, 2021. 25 August 2021.
https://www.brainyquote.com/quotes/ezra_taft_benson_556128

³ Policy Manual for Pierce Hill Christian Fellowship, approved and revised by the Board of Elders March 10, 2021, p.31

When we get together, we can encourage each other. It's tough living out the Christian life, and when you get together with your growth group you have a place where you can share your struggles and have people to care and pray for you.

We are finally getting back together with growth groups this fall. Let me encourage you to join one.

In Him and for His glory,

Pastor Art

