**The Hope Church (4/6/21)**

**RE3 Bible Study: Back to the Basics**

**Handout Week 6: Relink, Reload, Relaunch Our Fellowship**

**Introduction**

The Church is a group of baptized believers organized to carry out the Lord’s work. We have discussed the purpose of the church and recognize that WE are the church. Our purpose is to advance the Kingdom of God by fulfilling the mandate of the Great Commission. Our salvation is a free gift from God that we gained through Jesus dying in our place to reconcile us to the Father. We maintain two-way communication with The Father through ongoing prayer. God calls on us to be faithful stewards of our time, talent and treasure. This week, we look at the role of fellowship between believers.

**Part I** Relink: think again about what the Word says about fellowship.

**Hebrews 10:25 Acts 2:42**

* Relationship—connected in some way (family, work, partners)
* Fellowship—bound together through experiences, community of interest, feeling, or activity.
* Fellowship is more than the warm feeling of a relationship.
* There is no fellowship without action.
* Fellowship goes beyond gathering at church.

Reflection Point:

What is the difference between a relationship and fellowship?

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**Part II** Reload: re-evaluate the purpose and benefits of fellowship.

**I Corinthians 10:16 I John 1:3 Philippians 3:10**

Christian Fellowship—the New Testament word for “fellowship,” **koinonia expresses the idea of being together for mutual benefit—a joint gift.**

* Koinonia is a **mutual bond** developed with Christ that places us in a **deep relationship** with one another.
* We share in what Jesus did for us on the cross.
* True fellowship means partnering with God and one another as we advance the Kingdom of God.

**Part III** Relaunch: call to action, launch again, redirect, reset

**Hebrews 10:25 (MSG**) *Let’s see how inventive we can be in encouraging love and helping out, not avoiding worshiping together as some do but spurring each other on, especially as we see the big Day approaching.*

**Philippians 2:4** *Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others.*

* **Intentionally** spend time with God and other believers.
* Build each other up through encouragement and exhortation.

**Revelations 12:11 James 5:16 I John 4:18**

* Say things that will keep others believing.
* Be strong through vulnerability.

Reflection Point

1. What is a personal application you will implement from this lesson? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. What is a church application you will take on from this lesson? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_