



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

FORMED FOR GOD'S FAMILY – FELLOWSHIP Week 1. A Place to Belong (p132-139) - **REVIEW** Week 2. Experiencing Life Together (p140-145)

WEEK 1 REVIEW QUESTIONS

“While your relationship to Christ is personal, God never intended it to be private.”
(Page 132).

Explain how the Christian’s relationship with Christ is personal, but not private.

Why isn’t it possible to “believe” without “belonging?”

Compare membership in the “Body of Christ” with the interrelationship of the parts of your physical body?

“The church is a body, not a building; an organism, not an organization.” (Page 133)

How is the church a body, but not a building?

How is the church an organism, but not an organization?

What is the difference between an “organism” and an “organization?”

Why shouldn’t we see the church as an “organization?”

We need more than the Bible in order to grow; we need other believers. We grow faster and stronger by learning from each other and being accountable to each other.” (Page 136)

Why does it take more than just the Bible to grow us spiritually?

How are other believers involved in our spiritual growth?

“A church family will help keep you from backsliding.” (Page 137)

What is meant by the term, “backsliding?”

How can a church family help keep a believer from “backsliding?”

“The Christian life is more than just commitment to Christ; it includes a commitment to other Christians.” (Page 138)

What scriptural evidence exists to support this statement?

According to the Lord, Jesus Christ Himself, the first Commandment is to love God with all of your being. The second Commandment is to love your neighbor as yourself.

Can a person really be a Christian who does not love God with all of his heart, soul, mind, and strength?

Can a person really be a Christian who does not love his neighbor as himself?

WEEK 2 DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

“Real fellowship is so much more than just showing up at services. It is experiencing life together.” (Page 140).

Why can't real fellowship occur during a Sunday morning service?

Why is it that you can worship with a crowd but cannot fellowship with a crowd?

What is it about Koinonia groups with more than ten participants that makes real fellowship a challenge?

“[E]very Christian needs to be involved in a small group within a church.” (Page 141).

Why should every born-again believer be involved in a small group?

Do you agree that the “life of the Church” is bound up within the Koinonia groups?

“In real fellowship people experience authenticity.” (Page 141).

Describe what happens when people trust enough to open up to other members of a small group?

Why isn't it possible to open up to others in a church setting to the same degree that one may open up within a small group?

“When circumstances crush us to the point that our faith falters, that's when we need believing friends the most.” (Page 143).

Can other believers carry you through a severe trial?

Have you ever had other believers stand in the gap for you, or stand in faith for you – when you couldn't stand for yourself?

“You cannot have fellowship without forgiveness.” (Page 144).

Why is forgiveness a prerequisite to real fellowship?

What are your thoughts on Jesus's warning that we must forgive others who have wronged us if we expect God to forgive us for where we have wronged Him? (Matthew 6:14-15; Mark 11:25-26)

Unless otherwise noted, all Page References are to Rick Warren's book, “What On Earth Am I Here For?”