

Vision Series: Developing A Community Of Faith - 2 of 4
"Through Fellowship & Growth"
Cornerstone Church Of Poway
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Vision:

We need to build up our community of faith to strengthen our love for God & others.

Together we can build up our Community of Faith Through Fellowship & Spiritual Growth.

We Can Go Deeper In Our Fellowship & Spiritual Growth By:

1. Connecting In Relationships That Go Beyond The Superficial

Jesus replied: "**Love the Lord your God** with all your **heart** and with all your **soul** and with all your **mind**.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments." **Matthew 22:37-40 (NIV)**

"Let us hold unswervingly to the **hope** we profess, for He who promised is **faithful**. And let us **consider** how we may spur one another on toward **love and good deeds**. Let us not give up **meeting together**, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us **encourage one another**--and all the more as you see the Day approaching." **Hebrews 10:23-25 (NIV)**

"They **worshiped** together at the Temple each day, **met in homes** for the Lord's Supper, and **shared** their meals with great joy and generosity—all the while praising God and enjoying the goodwill of all the people. And each day **the Lord added** to their fellowship those who were being saved." **Acts 2:46-47 (NLT)**

Notes: _____

2. Learning To Apply God's Word In Our Everyday Lives

"Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into **practice** is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash." **Matthew 7:24-27 (NIV)**

“For this very reason, make every effort to **add to your faith** goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; and to godliness, brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness, love. For if you **possess** these qualities **in increasing measure**, they will keep you from being **ineffective** and **unproductive** in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.” **2 Peter 1:5-8 (NIV)**

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3. Journaling Through God’s Word

“Do not let this Book of the Law depart from your mouth; **meditate** on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful.” **Joshua 1:8 (NIV)**

“Therefore as you have **received Christ Jesus the Lord**, so **walk** in Him, having been **firmly rooted** *and now* being **built up** in Him and **established in your faith**, just as you were instructed, *and* overflowing with **gratitude**. See to it that **no one takes you captive** through philosophy and empty deception, according to the tradition of men, according to the elementary principles of the world, rather than according to **Christ**.” **Colossians 2:6-8 (NASB)**

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➤ **Which of these steps will help you grow in your faith?**

I will make my next right step this week by:

- Taking notes and talking them over
- Joining a small group for the next sermon series in February
- Hosting a small group in February
- Journaling through 1 John starting in February

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Family Corner: [Choose one day this week to ask questions to go deeper in faith as a family. Try this over dinner. Keep it under 12 minutes.]

Small Groups: [Choose as many questions that honor your group's time commitment]

Open in Prayer:

- What thoughts from this week's message encourage you to live like Jesus?

Icebreaker: What is your favorite home cooked meal? Why?

We Can Go Deeper In Our Fellowship & Spiritual Growth By:

1. Connecting In Relationships That Go Beyond The Superficial

Read Matthew 22:37-40

How does worship and fellowship go together?

Why is this a top priority?

Read Hebrews 10:23-25

What does it mean to hold on “unswervingly” to your hope?

What encourages you to stay strong in your faith? Worship? Bible Study? Other?

Who encourages you in your faith?

Who do you need to encourage in their faith?

Read Acts 2:46-47

Describe the relationship people had in the first century church.

2. Learning To Apply God's Word In Our Everyday Lives

Read Matthew 7:24-27

What storms have you endured in your life? Financial? Health? Relational?

What helped you get through these storms? What did Jesus say about the storms?

Read 2 Peter 1:5-8

Which of these attributes would you like to add this year?

Which of these attributes will be the most challenging for you?

3. Journaling Through God's Word

Read Joshua 1:8

What does it mean to meditate on God's word? What does that look like?

Read Colossians 2:6-8

What helps you to be firmly rooted in Christ?

What keeps you grounded when people try to persuade you to accept false doctrine?

Close in Prayer: Start praying. Be bold and pray specifically.
