

“Understanding the Focus of Fellowship in the Church” 12/06/09

Hebrews 10:19-25

Sermon Series- “Understanding the Nature and Function of the Church”

“Obey those who rule over you, and be submissive, for they watch out for your souls, as those who must give account.” Heb 13:17

“But in fact God has arranged the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be.” 1 Corinthians 12:18 (NIV)

POINT 1- The Focus of fellowship should be on our _____

Our confession of hope is founded in the message of the _____
(Hebrews 1-10:18; Mark 1:15; 1 Cor 15:3-5; Deut 6:4-7)

A. Our confession must be held on to tenaciously without _____
(James 1:5-8; Matt 21:21; 17:20; Abraham- Rom 4:20-21; Gen 22)

B. Our confession is based on trusting that God has put this body together and is _____ to it! (Romans 8:28, 31-39; Revelation 1:19-20)

POINT 2- The Focus of fellowship should be oriented on _____

A. We are called to “take notice” and consider others more than _____ (Romans 12:3; 16; Philippians 2:3)

B. We are not called to take notice of their faults, but instead to stir up _____

*“Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins.”
1 Peter 4:8 (also Matt 18:23-35; Eph 4:32)*

POINT 3- The Focus of fellowship should be on the dynamics of our _____

A. Our community requires that we do not _____ it because it’s difficult or because of persecution.

B. Our community needs each of us to have a ministry of the _____ especially as Jesus’ return is coming (2 Pet 3:11; Prov 27:17; Gal 5:22-23)

Going Deeper *God wants you to focus on your confession, others, and community!*