



Healthy Church

Session Eight: Worship, Giving, Prayer

HEALTHY CHURCH

WORSHIP, GIVING, PRAYER

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE

JOHN 4:21-24; MATTHEW 6:1-15

1. **HEALTHY CHURCHES** _____ **IN** _____ **AND** _____.

JOHN 4:21-24

2. **HEALTHY CHURCHES** _____.

MATTHEW 6:1-4

3. **HEALTHY CHURCHES** _____.

MATTHEW 6:5-15

APPLY

Is there an area of your private expression of faith that needs adjustment? How could you set your heart toward worship when you are not at church? Are there things you need to reevaluate about your commitment to generosity? How might God be calling you to pray with more intention? What do you need to do this week to move toward being a healthier part of church life?



LOOKING TO NEXT WEEK...

LESSON #9 FELLOWSHIP

NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE

JOHN 13:34-35; COLOSSIANS 3:12-17; HEBREWS 10:24-25

THE LESSON AT A GLANCE

In our Western world, it's easy to think that growing in discipleship is a solo practice. We can read our Bibles alone, pray alone, and even worship alone. However, that's not the way God created us to live. We're made for community.

In today's texts, we'll get a picture of how authentic fellowship with other believers is essential, not only to the ministry and mission of the church but also to each one of us in spiritual development. Some spiritual fruit—kindness, gentleness, and compassion, for example—are born out of the messiness of everyday life with other believers.

Fellowship is meant for more than just our development; we're also meant to spur each other on. Much like a cowboy nudging a horse along, our authentic fellowship with other Christians is how we spur one another on to love God, love others, and share His mission in the world.

THE MAIN IDEA

Christian fellowship is more than just sharing prayer requests or a potluck. As we love one another, spur one another on, and serve one another, the church grows, and our faith increases.

QUESTIONS TO EXPLORE

What are some incorrect ways you've thought about church fellowship? Look for ways today's lesson might challenge and expand your perspective.

