

# CONNECTING WITH GOD... THE CHURCH... YOUR PURPOSE

For the week of Sunday, March 20, 2022

**Teaching Series:** Welcome Home: Five Virtues of a Healthy Church

**Message Title / Pastor:** Fellowship: Looking Around, Pastor Bill Wilson

## MESSAGE OVERVIEW

One of the vital virtues of a healthy church is FELLOWSHIP. Fellowship is community and is built on spiritual and authentic relationships in a local church. Biblical fellowship is established in a commitment to Christ and enriched by connections to fellow believers. It is the role of believers to promote and protect fellowship in the local church.

## SCRIPTURE

### Hebrews 10:19–25

*<sup>19</sup> And so, dear brothers and sisters, we can boldly enter heaven's Most Holy Place because of the blood of Jesus. <sup>20</sup> By his death, Jesus opened a new and life-giving way through the curtain into the Most Holy Place. <sup>21</sup> And since we have a great High Priest who rules over God's house, <sup>22</sup> let us go right into the presence of God with sincere hearts fully trusting him. For our guilty consciences have been sprinkled with Christ's blood to make us clean, and our bodies have been washed with pure water. <sup>23</sup> Let us hold tightly without wavering to the hope we affirm, for God can be trusted to keep his promise. <sup>24</sup> Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. <sup>25</sup> And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near.*

### Additional Scriptures:

- Ephesians 1:3
- Ephesians 2:20-22
- Ecclesiastes 4:9,12
- Romans 12:5

- Matthew 18:15-18
- Ephesians 4:2-3
- Psalm 110:3
- I Peter 2:17
- Colossians 3:13-15

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. When did you first start attending Portland Christian Center?
2. What are some of the "Let us" statements from Hebrews 10 and how important are they to fellowship?
3. How has authentic fellowship/community helped improve your adventure with Christ?
4. What is your best fellowship/community story since coming to PCC?
5. What should you do if there is an issue with another believer according to the Bible?
6. What are some ways a person can show love, appreciation, and support to others in a local church?
7. What are two or three things you feel would help strengthen the community of a local church?

## PRAYER

*Father, thank you for Portland Christian Center and these dear friends in our community group. We pray for each member of the group and their needs. We pray that you strengthen our connection and continue to increase our fellowship as a local assembly. Draw us closer to you and closer to each other. Amen, Amen!*

## NOTES

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