

Love Your Church

Application Questions

Introduction: What Your Church Is

1. How do you tend to approach Christian Fellowship? Reluctantly? Eagerly? Etc? What past experiences have led to that propensity?

Chapter 1 Belonging

1. Why is the idea of “loving Jesus” but resisting fellowship in the Church so erroneous?
2. In what ways have you seen your expectations of what you think the church and Christian community should be like get in the way of loving, serving, and appreciating the Church you have?

Chapter 2 Welcoming

1. In what ways does prejudice and favoritism within the church distort the gospel?
 - a. In what ways could these temptations begin to subtly show themselves at GFC?
2. How could you take proactive steps on Sunday mornings to make our church a more welcoming and hospitable environment?

Chapter 3 Gathering

1. Which of the key components of Sunday morning service do you need to work to value more? Why so and how could you grow in that area?

2. Why is signing so significant for the Christian life?
3. What habits, routines, traditions etc. could you and/or your family implement in order to help you more highly appreciate the significance of the gathering of the church on Sunday? How could you make this a more special and set apart day? Do you think that is important to do? Why or why not?

Chapter 4 Caring

1. In light of this chapter, why are Community Groups so important at Grace?
 - a. What is their ultimate purpose?
 - b. What does it take from not just leaders but members within a group in order for them to flourish?
2. What are ways you could participate more actively within your community group to see the “one anothers” from Scripture take place?
3. How does someone’s personal life actually affect the Christian community?

Chapter 5 Serving

1. How should Christ’s soon returning impact and motivate our service?
2. How should someone go about figuring out how the Lord has gifted them?

- a. In what ways has the Lord gifted you?
 - b. How could you use that gift to strengthen our church?
3. What does it mean to be a living sacrifice in the Church?

Chapter 6 Honoring

1. What does it look like for Church members to “be subject” to a local church’s elders?
 - a. What is the purpose of this?
2. How could you help make it less of a burden and more of a joy for our pastors/elders to lead you?
 - a. What are ways you could more regularly encourage our pastors/elders?
3. **ASSIGNMENT:** Pick one elder to bless in some way this month. Either write a letter, an email, send a gift, or serve in some way to show your appreciation for their sacrifices. If you select a staff pastor/elder please also go out of your way to encourage one of our lay elders. For a list of elders visit <https://www.graceky.org/about/>

Chapter 7 Witnessing

1. Why is a greater adoration of the work of Christ a more effective witness than a highly polished and intelligent academic defense of the gospel?

2. What would it look like for you to grow in being more proactive in praying for, inviting, serving, and resourcing the non-christians in your relational network?

Chapter 8 Sending

1. How could you follow the example of Barnabas in our church?
2. What do you see your role being in the spreading of the gospel around the world?