



“Genuine Fellowship and Joy”

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1. Take a few minutes to share any BOLD testimonies that you may have. How is God helping you to become more Bold in your faith?
2. READ I John 1:1-4. Who is the Word of Life and how does this section correlate with John 1:1-5? Why was John uniquely suited to write about the Word of Life?
3. READ I John 5:11-13. What was a major reason for John writing I John and how important is it for us to also declare the Word of Life to others? How are you doing with showing love and sharing Jesus with those in your sphere of influence?
4. What does “fellowship” mean and what is the difference between “generic fellowship” and “genuine fellowship?” Please give some examples of each.
5. Where does genuine Christian fellowship begin? What breaks our fellowship with God (and others) and how do we restore it?
6. READ Acts 2:42. How important was genuine fellowship to the Early Church, and what are some ways we can grow in experiencing more genuine fellowship with God and others?
7. What is joy and what is the difference between generic joy and genuine joy? Please give some examples of each.
8. Discuss the following realities of genuine joy:
 - Genuine Joy is a fruit of the Spirit. (Gal. 5:22)
 - Genuine Joy is possible even in suffering. (Phil. 4:4; Jam. 1:2)
 - Genuine Joy is based on a biblical and eternal perspective.
 - Genuine Joy is a choice.
9. READ I Jn. 1:4; II John 1:12; John 15:11; John 16:24. What does it mean to have joy to the full and how can we make sure our cup is running over with joy?
10. What impact do you think that genuine joy will have on the people around us – our marriages, families, church, etc.? Pray for one another to know and experience the Word of Life, genuine fellowship, and genuine joy.