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 Bible Study Syllabus

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**Church Relationships** Memory Verse: John 13:35

**OBJECTIVES:** To understand the importance of church relationships and how to walk

in church relationships.

**INTRODUCTION:** Proper church relationships are key to our Christian walk. We must seek to maintain a spirit of unity, love, care, and concern for all participants in the house of God. This must be addressed in terms of male and male, female and female, male and female, and lay leader and lay member.

**I. CHURCH RELATIONSHIPS**

**A. Love Each Other** 1 John 4:11, 20–21

**1.** *By serving* John 13:1–17, Gal. 5:13–14, Col. 3:22–24, Eph. 6:5–8, Matt. 20:20–28, Phil. 2:5–8

**2.** *By caring* Luke 10:25–39, Luke 6:31, Matt. 22:39, 1 Cor. 12:25, Rom. 12:10, 1 Pet. 3:8

**3.** *By praying* Heb. 13:18, 1 Tim. 2:1–2, 2 Thess. 3:1, 2 Cor. 1:11, Eph. 6:18–19, Col. 4:2–3, Phil. 1:19, 1 Thess. 1:2, Philem. 22

**4.** *Keep the peace* 1 Cor. 14:33, Rom. 12:18, Ps. 34:14, Gal. 5:22, Matt. 5:9, Eph. 4:1–3

**5.** *Pity/Empathy* Heb. 13:3, Luke 10:33, 1 Pet. 3:8–9

**B. Appreciate Each Other** 1 Cor. 12:21–26

**1.** *Never fault find* Matt. 7:1–5, 15–20, Gal. 5:15

**2.** *Look to good* Phil. 2:3–4, 1 Cor. 12:23–26

**3.** *Every member* James 2:1–9, Prov. 24:23–26, Deut. 16:19–20

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**C. Edify Each Other** Rom. 15:2

**1.** *Encourage* Acts 28:12–15, Acts 18:23, Heb. 10:24–25

**2.** *Compliment* Prov. 27:2, Phil. 2:4

**3.** *Testifying* Rev. 12:11, Acts 20:20–21, 3 John 3–4

**4.** *Support weak* Acts 20:35, Gal. 6:1–3, Rom. 15:1–2

**D. Respect Leadership in the Church** Exod. 22:28

**1.** *Authority* 1 Pet. 2:13–17, Rom. 13:1–4, Acts 23:5, Num. 12

**2.** *Support* 1 Thess. 5:12–13, Heb. 13:7, 17, 1 Tim. 5:17–19, Exod. 17:11–12

**3.** *Elders (older)* 1 Tim. 5:1–3, 1 Pet. 5:5, Prov. 16:3

**E. No Oughts** (Disagree without Being Disagreable): Gen. 13:5–9

**1.** *Go to them* Matt. 18:15, Gal. 2:11–14, Rom. 15:14

**2.** *Forgive them* Matt. 18:21–39, Eph. 4:32, Col. 3:13, 2 Cor. 2:10

**3.** *Be restored* Matt. 5:23–24, Gal. 6:1–2, 2 Cor. 2:6–8

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**F. Not to Cause Error** Prov. 28:10, Matt. 18:6

**1.** *Perception* Rom. 14:14–16, Acts 24:16, 3 John 12, Eph. 4:27

**2.** *Watchful protection* Acts 19:28–31, Prov. 27:5, Prov. 27:17, Eccles. 4:12

**3.** *Tongue* Prov. 16:28, Prov. 18:8, 17:4, Gal. 5:15, Prov. 6:16–19

**4.** *Respect other walks* Matt. 18:7, Rom. 14:13, Gal. 3:1, 5:7

**5.** *Boundaries* Eccles. 3:1–8, Luke 6:31, 1 Cor. 8:9–13

**6.** *Genuine/sensitive* Matt. 7:1–5, Rom. 15:1–2, Acts 16:9–10

**CONCLUSION** There should be no reason why all Christians can’t fellowship

together, love each other, and support each other. We are family and have the

same spirit, same Savior, and same spiritual goals. By accomplishing godly relational

objectives, we help each other grow in Christ and by the unbelievers

seeing our corporate love, they will be drawn to receive the love and saving

knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**REVIEW**

• Explain the importance of church relationships.

• Explain how to have Christian interaction one with another.

• Explain some distracters that can hinder relationships.

• How do we respect the leadership of the church?

• Can and should all Christians have fruitful relationships?

**KEY TERMS**

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