

## **Meaningful Relationships**

### **January 14, 2024**

#### **1. What creates meaningful relationships in the church?**

**Acts 2:44-47**, *“All those who had believed were together and had all things in common; <sup>45</sup> and they began selling their property and possessions and were sharing them with all, as anyone might have need. <sup>46</sup> Day by day continuing with one mind in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they were taking their meals together with gladness and sincerity of heart, <sup>47</sup> praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord was adding to their number day by day those who were being saved.”*

#### **2. Why are meaningful relationships so important in the church?**

**Proverbs 27:17**, *“Iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another.”*

#### **Christian friends can encourage you to grow spiritually**

**James 5:16**, *“Confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another so that you may be healed. The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much.”*

#### **Christian friends can hold you accountable spiritually**

**Galatians 6:1**, *“Brethren, even if anyone is caught in any trespass, you who are spiritual, restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness; each one looking to yourself, so that you too will not be tempted.”*

#### **Christian friendships give honor to Jesus Christ**

**John 13:35**, *“By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.”*

**Hebrews 10:23-25**, *“Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful; <sup>24</sup> and let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, <sup>25</sup> not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another; and all the more as you see the day drawing near.”*

### **3. How can I have meaningful relationships here at the Melbourne CoC?**

#### **A few ways that you can begin to build meaningful relationships:**

1. Love God and connect with Him regularly.
2. Come to the men’s breakfast on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month at 8am in the fellowship hall.
3. Come to the ladies group on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month at 6pm in the fellowship hall.
4. Come to the Encouragement Group that meets every Thursday at 9am in the fellowship hall.
5. Attend a Sunday Morning Bible Class at 9:15am and visit with a few people before class starts. Be approachable, smile, and be friendly. During class share your thoughts and questions.
6. When someone asks for prayer requests make a prayer request too. When you are just a little humble or transparent people tend to move a little closer.
7. Come to Wednesday night services at 6pm and make sure your in a class and your kids are in class. Stick around after services for pizza in the fellowship hall and get to know the other adults who teach and sponsor our young people.
8. Stick around after church on Sunday mornings instead of hurrying to lunch. Hang around and strike up a conversation with someone and take time to just visit a while. When you go to lunch invite someone to go with you.
9. Visit or call someone whose name is in the bulletin, maybe someone who is sick or in the nursing home and tell them you’re praying for them.
10. If you want to volunteer or get involved some other way during the week, contact me and we can have that conversation.