# Fellowship in Preparing for Baptism



Strengthen new believers through fellowship as they prepare for baptism, nurturing faith, support, and community devotion together.





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#### Introduction

**Fellowship** is a cornerstone of the Christian journey, especially for new believers preparing for baptism. Baptism is not merely a symbolic act; it is a public declaration of faith and a transformative step toward a lifelong walk with Christ. This journey, while deeply personal, is also communal—because faith flourishes best within a supportive community.

When someone embraces Christ and prepares for baptism, they embark on a path filled with excitement, questions, and sometimes doubts. This is where the power of *fellowship* becomes essential. Being surrounded by a loving community encourages growth, accountability, and spiritual encouragement. Through shared stories, prayers, and study, new believers can feel embraced and equipped for what lies ahead.

Throughout this 5-day study, we will explore Scripture to understand how fellowship strengthens faith, nurtures discipleship, and prepares believers for baptism. Each day will offer devotional insights that help connect Scripture to daily experiences, emphasizing the importance of being part of a body that walks together in faith. We'll reflect on biblical examples of community support, the role of the Holy Spirit in uniting believers, and practical ways to encourage and uplift each other.

As you embark on or guide others through the preparation for baptism, remember that no one is made to walk alone. God's design is for His people to journey in connection, growing together as the family of Christ. May this







study deepen your understanding of fellowship and inspire you to create or engage in a welcoming, supportive faith community where new believers thrive and reflect the love of Jesus.















#### Your Verse

Acts 2:42 – "They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Hebrews 10:24-25 "Let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together... but encouraging one another."
- 1 John 1:7 "But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another..."







# Devotional: The Foundation of Faith: Devoted Fellowship

**Christian fellowship** begins with a shared devotion. Acts 2:42 reveals that the earliest believers committed themselves to teaching, prayer, and fellowship. For new believers preparing for baptism, this model shows how vital community is in nurturing faith.

Fellowship is more than gathering physically; it is engaging deeply with one another's lives and with God. It creates an environment where believers can be transparent, learn together, and grow closer to Christ. Hebrews encourages us not to neglect meeting, highlighting fellowship as a catalyst for love and good works.

Walking in the light together means sharing joys and struggles openly, building trust that strengthens spiritual growth. For someone about to be baptized, this mutual support is invaluable. It assures them they are not alone in their journey and that their faith is part of a greater family.

Reflect on how your current fellowship helps or could better support your baptism preparation. Are you engaging fully? Are you allowing others to walk with you in love and honesty?







# Reflect and Apply

2. What aspects of fellowship encourage deeper growth and trust am believers?	ong
3. In what ways can you foster a stronger fellowship during your bapt preparation?	ism







# **Journaling Prompts**

1.	List the ways your church community currently supports new believers.
	Write about a time when fellowship helped you through a spiritual challenge.
	Describe what ideal fellowship looks like for you in preparing for baptism.







### Prayer for Today

Lord, thank You for creating us for connection. Help me embrace the gift of fellowship as I prepare for baptism. Teach me to be open, vulnerable, and encouraging to others, and to accept support wholeheartedly. May I grow through community and reflect Your love in every interaction. Strengthen the bonds of faith so none of us walks alone on this journey. Amen.  $\bigwedge$   $\bigcirc$   $\bigcirc$ 







# Day 2: Empowered by the Holy Spirit Together









Day 2: 6 Empowered by the Holy Spirit Together

#### Your Verse

John 14:26 – "But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Acts 1:8 "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses..."
- Romans 8:26 "The Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us..."







Day 2: 🖰 Empowered by the Holy Spirit Together

#### Devotional: Living in Spirit-empowered Fellowship

**The Holy Spirit** is the unseen but powerful presence that unites and empowers the community of believers. As new believers prepare for baptism, understanding how the Spirit works within fellowship is essential.

Jesus promised the Advocate—our helper—who teaches, reminds, and empowers believers to live faithfully. This gift is not given to isolated individuals but to a community that supports one another in faith. Acts 1:8 reminds us that together, empowered by the Spirit, we become witnesses to God's love.

Spirit-led fellowship brings strength where human weakness exists. Romans 8:26 assures us that even when we don't know how to pray or grow, the Spirit intercedes on our behalf. This encourages humility and dependence on God alongside others.

As you prepare for baptism, lean into this dynamic fellowship with the Holy Spirit and fellow believers. Allow the Spirit to guide your growth and enable you to encourage others.







Day 2: 🖰 Empowered by the Holy Spirit Together

# Reflect and Apply

1.	How has the Holy Spirit worked in your life or in the community around you?
	What does it mean to be 'empowered together' by the Spirit in your faith journey?
3.	How can you be more sensitive to the Spirit's guidance within your fellowship group?







Day 2: 🖰 Empowered by the Holy Spirit Together

# **Journaling Prompts**

	Write about a moment you sensed the Holy Spirit's presence during fellowship.
2.	Describe how the Spirit has helped you when you felt weak or uncertain.
	List ways your fellowship group can invite more Spirit-led community experiences.







Day 2: 6 Empowered by the Holy Spirit Together

### Prayer for Today

Heavenly Father, thank You for the gift of the Holy Spirit who teaches, guides, and strengthens us. Help me be attentive to the Spirit's voice within fellowship, especially as I prepare for baptism. Fill our community with Your power and love, that we may support one another fully and live as bold witnesses of Your grace. Amen. (?)

















#### Your Verse

Colossians 3:14 – "And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- John 13:34–35 "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you... By this everyone will know you are my disciples."
- 1 Peter 1:22 "You have purified yourselves by obeying the truth so that you have sincere love for each other..."







#### Devotional: Love: The Glue of True Fellowship

**Love** is the thread that binds true Christian fellowship. No matter how much teaching, prayer, or Spirit-filling happens, without love the community falls short of God's design. Colossians 3:14 calls love the perfect bond of unity.

Jesus' command to love one another is especially poignant during baptism preparation. New believers step into a new identity defined by Christ's love, and that love must be reflected in their relationships.

Sincere love is not sentimental but rooted in truth and obedience. As 1 Peter reminds us, love flows out of a heart purified by the Gospel. Fellowship fueled by genuine love creates a safe space for growth, correction, encouragement, and joy.

Consider your own heart toward others in your faith community. How can you more fully live out this love that welcomes, uplifts, and sustains new believers?







# Reflect and Apply

1.	How does love shape your fellowship experience?
2.	What practical steps can you take to express Christlike love in your community?
3.	Where might love be needed most among new believers around you?







# **Journaling Prompts**

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#### Prayer for Today

Dear Jesus, teach me to love as You love—selflessly, patiently, and truly. Help me reflect Your love in my fellowship so new believers feel welcome and cherished. Bind us together with perfect unity as we prepare hearts and lives for baptism. Let Your love shine through us to the world. Amen.  $\heartsuit$   $\wedge$   $\circlearrowleft$ 







# Day 4: © Encouragement and Accountability in Fellowship









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#### Your Verse

Galatians 6:2 - "Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Proverbs 27:17 "As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another."
- James 5:16 "Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed."







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# Devotional: Supporting Each Other with Love and Truth

**Encouragement and accountability** keep the body of Christ strong and growing. Baptism preparation is a time when new believers may face doubts or struggles. Yet, being part of a faithful fellowship ensures they do not bear burdens alone.

Galatians 6:2 calls us to carry each other's burdens, a powerful image of shared spiritual responsibility. Accountability does not mean judgment but faithful love that gently helps one stay on the path.

Proverbs reminds us that healthy relationships sharpen and refine us, helping us grow in wisdom. James emphasizes confession and mutual prayer for healing and strength.

Reflect on how your fellowship group provides encouragement and accountability for new believers. Are you willing to share honestly and supportfully? How can you create an environment of grace and truth?







Day 4: ① Encouragement and Accountability in Fellowship

# Reflect and Apply

1.	What burdens are you carrying, and who helps you bear them?
2	How do you respond to accountability and encouragement in your group?
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3.	What steps can you take to foster a culture of support and honesty?







Day 4: ① Encouragement and Accountability in Fellowship

# **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Write about a time when accountability strengthened your faith.
2.	List ways you can encourage others preparing for baptism.
	Reflect on how confession and prayer have impacted your spiritual journey.







Day 4: Day 4: Encouragement and Accountability in Fellowship

### Prayer for Today

Lord, thank You for the blessing of fellowship where encouragement and accountability uphold us. Help me to carry others' burdens with compassion and humility. Grant me the courage to be honest in struggles and the grace to receive correction. May our community walk in love and truth as we prepare for baptism together. Amen.  $\heartsuit$   $\bigcirc$   $\bigcirc$ 

















#### Your Verse

Romans 6:4 - "We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- 1 Corinthians 12:12–13 "Just as a body, though one, has many parts... so it is with Christ."
- Psalm 133:1 "How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!"







#### Devotional: Joyful Unity in New Life with Christ

**Baptism** is a joyful celebration of new life in Christ and the beginning of deeper fellowship within the church family. Romans 6:4 teaches that baptism symbolizes being buried with Christ and raised to live a new life empowered by His resurrection.

This is not a solo milestone but one shared by the whole body—the church. Paul reminds us that though we are many parts, we are one body united in Christ. Fellow believers celebrate new life because it strengthens the entire community.

Psalm 133 captures the beauty of unity and joy when God's people live in harmony. As new believers prepare for baptism, fellowship becomes the space where these realities come alive.

Celebrate the new beginning with gratitude and excitement, knowing you belong to a loving, unified spiritual family that will walk with you every step.







# Reflect and Apply

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# **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Write about your hopes and prayers as you approach baptism.
2.	Describe how you want to be connected to the church community after baptism.
3.	List ways you can celebrate and encourage others who are new in faith.







### Prayer for Today

Gracious God, thank You for the new life You give through baptism. Help me to embrace this fresh start and the fellowship that comes with it. May I walk in unity with Your people, sharing joy, love, and encouragement. Let my baptism be a testimony of Your life-changing power and the beautiful community we share. Amen.







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