



# Lewiston Church of Christ

## April 11, 2021

### Weekly Services

Sun. Bible Study 9:45 AM

Sun. Worship 10:45 AM

Sun. Day/Evening Groups

Wed Bible Study 6:30 PM

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Grounds – Cody & Doyle Dawes

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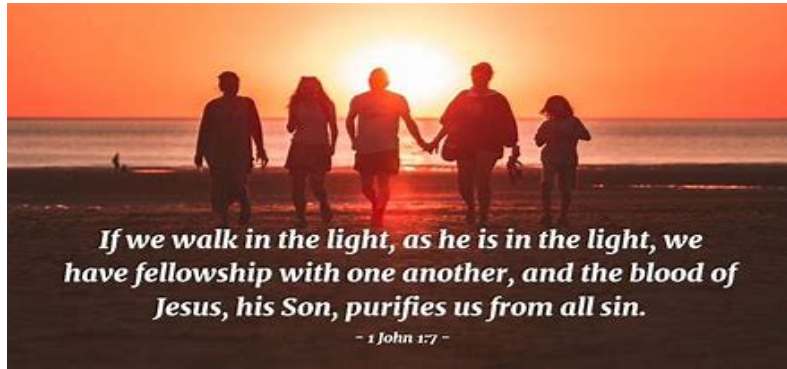
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## *The Power of Fellowship*

One question from a recent “Disciple for Christ” Life Group discussion sheet was:

“How specifically can you increase your attachment/abiding in Christ?”

The Adams/Solliday group offered the usual (correct) suggestions to study God’s word and stay in prayer--indispensable sources for strengthening our attachment to Christ. One referred to the goodness of God’s creation as a resource. Another suggested having quiet times. All good!

Then our discussion turned to the power of fellowship to help us abide deeply in Christ. To put it bluntly, being with each other is like being with Jesus Himself!

Soon after His resurrection, a Pharisee named Saul began “breathing threats and murder” against Jesus’ followers. On his way to Damascus to continue harassing Jesus’ church, the Risen Lord appeared to him and said, “Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?” (Acts 9:4). He added, “I am Jesus whom you are persecuting.” (vs. 5).

This transformed Saul. Under his new name, Paul, he devoted his life to fulfilling Jesus’ great commission. Encountering the Risen Lord, Saul learned how closely Jesus personally identified Himself with His church. What he did to the church, he did to Jesus!

Since Jesus identifies so personally with His church, encountering each other in fellowship is like encountering Jesus Himself. So, aiding with each other in fellowship can increase our abiding in Christ. Let’s give the apostle John the last word here:

“If we walk in the Light as He Himself is in the Light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.” (1 John 1:7).

Joel Solliday