



RESOLVED SERIES

Sermon Title: "Together"

Speaker: Bauer Evans

Text: 1 John 1:1-3, 6-7

Main Point

Resolved: To share the gospel centered life *together* in care groups.

Points

- *Fellowship keeps the gospel at the center of our relationships
- *A gospel centered care group keeps growing in its awareness of the gospel and its effects
- *A gospel centered care group is able to counsel one another

Quotes

"Fellowship is first a sharing with our fellow believers the things that God has made known to us about himself, in hope that we may thus help them to know him better and so enrich their fellowship with him. Fellowship is secondly a seeking to share in what God has made known of himself to others as means of finding strength, instruction, and refreshment for one's own soul. In fellowship one seeks to gain as well as to give." -JI Packer

"Biblical fellowship is our participation together in the very life of God that He made possible by Christ's work on the cross and brought about by the Holy Spirit." – Jeff Purswell

Application

1. Re-read 1 John 1-3, 6-7.
2. What is fellowship? What do you consider fellowship to be? Can you name an activity that you once believed was fellowship and was not?
3. John asserts in vs. 1-3 that that biblical fellowship is only possible because of the gospel.

Why do you think John says that? What does God share with us in fellowship that we have to share in our relationships with other Christians?

- Is there a specific area in your life where enjoying deeper fellowship might require greater transparency on your part? Explain.
4. Bauer shared that biblical fellowship seeks to keep the gospel at the center of our relationships.
 - Why is a growing understanding of the gospel and an awareness of its effects essential to building relationships characterized by fellowship?
 - Are my relationships in care group characterized by gospel centered thinking or do other priorities compete for center stage? Explain.
 5. Finally, a gospel centered care group consists of people who are able to counsel one another (Romans 15.14). Bauer shared we can grow in applying vs. 14 in care groups by:

- *Prayerfully preparing our hearts to serve people and not attend a meeting.
- *Asking questions of one another during the meeting that touch upon all areas of our lives.
- *Share concerns and pursue mutual accountability rooted in Scripture and covered in grace.

- Which of these 3 practices would you want to grow in? Why?

Can you think of an example where vs. 14 was done well, and impacted your life? Explain

- What is your biggest obstacle or concern when it comes to giving counsel to others?

6. Take a moment and pray for your care group, thanking God for the gift of fellowship you enjoy with these dear friends!