

Corvallis Evangelical Church

ADULT BIBLE FELLOWSHIPS

The purpose of the Adult Bible Fellowship is to work with God in creating a growing Christian Community based on God's Word, Fellowship and Prayer.

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer...And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved. (Acts 2:42, 47)

An Adult Bible Fellowship is based on the belief that as a Christian Community we need to do more than meet together on Sunday morning to study the Bible. A healthy Christian Community should be growing in many areas. To encourage this growth the ABF provides leadership in six key areas.

Teaching: To lead the ABF in learning through dynamic Bible teaching and to set the overall mood and direction of the ABF for Biblical instruction.

Prayer: To develop, foster, and maintain a spirit of prayer and worship at all class activities; to lead the class in a weekly prayer time emphasis (or assign the leadership).

Fellowship: To help generate fellowship within the ABF and coordinate and plan class socials; to organize and execute three or four social activities per quarter, involving as many class members as possible; to coordinate provision of appropriate refreshments for gatherings.

Shepherding: To encourage the people to become active in Christ and His church; to build relationships and participate in meeting the needs of others in the same life stage.

Hospitality: To help the people who visit the class feel at home and comfortable; to be intentional about introducing newcomers to people with similar interests; and to create an atmosphere of "glad you came and come back regularly."

Outreach: To lead participants in the ABF to be intentional and effective in outreach and sharing their faith with others.

The purpose of this leadership team is to produce fruit. The desired fruit includes:

- The ABF experience will be enjoyable. Visitors will be attracted and join the class.
- Attendees will grow in their knowledge of God's Word and be equipped and motivated to get involved in small groups and personal ministries to be and make disciples.
- The needs of the class are met by the class in true biblical community. The world will know we are Christians by our love for one another. Healthy growth will occur.
- God's mighty power will be brought to focus on the needs and tasks of the class resulting in spiritual victory. The faith of the class will grow. Unbelievers will be brought to faith. The class will learn to pray without ceasing.
- People will begin to get to know each other outside of Sunday church activities. They will begin to be connected and assimilated into the body of believers.
- Unbelievers will consistently be won to Christ and assimilated into the ABF. ABF members will be equipped and organized to effectively fulfill their responsibility to become "fishers of men."

This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples (John 15:8)

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