

### **#3 Horizontal Fellowship #2: The Lost**

Why connect with the lost? To Share Jesus!

God calls us to witness to the lost sharing the Gospel with those within our circle of influence.

Galatians 2:8 (for He who worked effectively in Peter for the apostleship to the circumcised also worked effectively in me toward the Gentiles),

9 and when James, Cephas, and John, who seemed to be pillars, perceived the grace that had been given to me, they gave me and Barnabas the right hand of fellowship, that we should go to the Gentiles and they to the circumcised.

When ministering to the lost, we must carefully guard the integrity of our witness and testimony.

Ephesians 5:8 For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light

9 (for the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness, righteousness, and truth),  
10 finding out what is acceptable to the Lord.  
11 And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose them.  
12 For it is shameful even to speak of those things which are done by them in secret.

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A Three Part Sermon Series

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**Galatians 6:2**



Sermon #1 of 3

**Christian Fellowship:  
Staying Connected  
Vertically & Horizontally**

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## Christian Fellowship:

Staying connected vertically & horizontally is absolutely essential in our daily walk of faith.

### #1 Vertical Fellowship: GOD is #1!

Our most important connection is with God.

There are no relationships in our lives more important than our relationship with God.

2 Corinthians 8:3 For I bear witness that according to their ability, yes, and beyond their ability, they were freely willing,

4 imploring us with much urgency that we would receive the gift and the fellowship of the ministering to the saints.

5 And not only as we had hoped, but they first gave themselves to the Lord, and then to us by the will of God.

Having a right relationship with God will help us in all of our relationships with all others.

### #2 Horizontal Fellowship #1: Christians

We need a connection to fellow Christians.

As brothers and sisters in Christ, we need to take time to spend time with one another.

Hebrews 3:12 Beware, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God;

13 but exhort one another daily, while it is called "Today," lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.

We must guard the unity of our fellowship by never allowing our differences to divide us.

1 Corinthians 1:9 God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

10 Now I plead with you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.