

Welcome to the Deep End

The Bridge Bible Fellowship

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Are you involved in a Sunday morning Equipping Group or a midweek Life Group?	
How are you serving God's people at the Bridge Bible Fellowship right now?	
If you were to move away tomorrow, how would the church be different?	

Intro - Consumerism in the Church

Consumerism says that we should only pursue things that we think will immediately satisfy us, be easily accessible with minimal effort, and to only continue to do something as long as it remains easy and enjoyable.

- What if our church wasn't supposed to be a place of ultimate comfort, where everything is exactly how I like it. The music is your favorite style, the pastor is young, hip and cool, the people are all your age and in the same phase of life and everyone does the things you like to do. What if it was a place where you were challenged in all the areas you needed to grow in to be more like Christ?
- This leads to expectation to come and just get instead of give

Involvement in Life & Equipping Groups

The Consumer mentality sees getting into relational groups like Life & Equipping Groups as too much risk with an unknown payoff

- The Christian life is all about RELATIONSHIPS
 - We are the family of God - **Matthew 12:46-50**
 - What did it look like in the early church? - **Acts 2:42-47**

- There are 23 different "one another" commands in the Bible
 - How do we fulfill these if we're not in close relationships with each other?

<p>1. Love one another: John 13:34, John 15:12, John 15:17, Romans 13:8, 1 Thessalonians 4:9, 1 Peter 1:22, 1 John 3:11, 1 John 3:23, 1 John 4:7, 1 John 4:11, 1 John 4:12, 2 John 1:5</p> <p>2. Outdo one another in showing honor: Romans 12:10</p> <p>3. Live in harmony with one another: Romans 12:16, 1 Peter 3:8</p> <p>4. Welcome one another: Romans 15:7</p> <p>5. Instruct one another: Romans 15:14</p> <p>6. Greet one another with a holy kiss: Romans 16:16, 1 Corinthians 16:20, 2 Corinthians 13:12, 1 Thessalonians 5:26</p> <p>7. When you come together to eat, wait for one another: 1 Corinthians 11:33</p>	<p>8. Have the same care for one another: 1 Corinthians 12:25</p> <p>9. Serve one another: Galatians 5:13</p> <p>10. Bear one another's burdens: Galatians 6:2</p> <p>11. Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another: Ephesians 4:32</p> <p>12. Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ: Ephesians 5:21</p> <p>13. Do not lie to one another: Colossians 3:9</p> <p>14. Bear with one another: Colossians 3:13</p> <p>15. Teach and admonish one another: Colossians 3:16</p>	<p>16. Encourage one another and build one another up: 1 Thessalonians 5:11</p> <p>17. Seek to do good to one another: 1 Thessalonians 5:15</p> <p>18. Exhort one another every day: Hebrews 3:13</p> <p>19. Stir up one another to love and good works: Hebrews 10:24</p> <p>20. Keep loving one another earnestly: 1 Peter 4:8</p> <p>21. Show hospitality to one another without grumbling: 1 Peter 4:9</p> <p>22. Clothe yourselves with humility toward one another: 1 Peter 5:5</p> <p>23. Confess your sins to one another and pray for one another: James 5:16</p>
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Areas to Serve here at the Bridge

<p>Evangelism Ministry Prayer Ministry Shepherding the Nations Children's Ministry* Youth Ministry* College/Young Adult Communion Team Information Center Making visitor bags Mission Home Crew Missions Team Women's Missionary Circle Medical Team</p>	<p>Women's Ministry Men's Ministry Facilities Decorations Life & Equipping Groups Safety Team Deacons Elders Sports Ushers Grief Share Love:Share Administration/Church Office</p>	<p>Assimilation/Visitors Bridge Cafe Benevolence Seniors/Widows Chaplaincy Christian Education Greeters Library Memorials\Weddings Shine - Special Needs Tech Team Worship Music</p>
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Involvement in Serving the Body of Christ

The Christian Consumer sees Serving in the Church as an unnecessary obligation

- How did Jesus view service in the believer's life? - **Matthew 25:31–46**

- What about INSIDE the church? - **Galatians 6:6–10**

- Our love for each other should show we are followers of Christ - **John 13:34–35**

- Pastors and Teachers are to equip YOU to serve! - **Eph 4:11-13**

- You are a part of the Body of Christ! - **Romans 12:3–13**

Involvement in extra spiritual growth activities

- Breakfasts, Teas, Retreats, Service Opportunities
- Please choose to commit, and commit early!

Wrap Up

- Do you have ownership in this family?
- Don't want to be legalistic about this, there is no scale in the Bible that says each person must do this or that
- Do you see how coming to church, saying hi to a few people then leaving is so completely out of alignment for what God desires of you?!
- Take up your cross and follow me, how does this apply?
- Come join us in the deep end, God created it just for you

If you are not involved and serving the Body of Christ here at the Bridge to the level that God calls us to, what is at least one step you could take to change that?	
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Discussion Questions

1. Consumerism says that we should only pursue things that we think will immediately satisfy us, be easily accessible with minimal effort, and to only continue to do something as long as it remains easy and enjoyable. Do you see any ways that Consumerism has affected your view of the church?
2. It can be easy for the things that we talk about to drift towards shallow and less substantial topics, what could you work on to help make sure this doesn't happen in your conversations?
3. If you are not currently serving anywhere, what do you think has been the reason behind it?
4. Do you think it's critical to fully understand our Spiritual Gift before we decide to start serving? Why?
5. Do you find it difficult to commit to certain church events? If so, why do you think so?
6. Are you in the "Deep End" playing an active role in loving and serving others? If so, what have you gained from that level of involvement?
7. If you are not as involved as the Bible describes, what's at least one step you'd like to take to fulfill God's vision for you here at the Bridge?

Discipleship Opportunities - 2025

GROUP NAME	MEETING TIMES	LOCATION	LEADER CONTACT	TOPIC
SUNDAY MORNINGS				
Biblical Mission - Marc Boeker	11 am-12:30 pm	K Bldg., K-4	818.776.1500 marc@bridgebible.church	Equipping Class Biblical Missions
Borkin Group - Wayne Borkin	11 am-12:30 pm	K Bldg., K-5	818-523-6496 mor2day@sbcglobal.net	Sermon Discussion
Bridge Builders - Dennis Philpot	11 am-12:30 pm	I Bldg., I-203	818-307-2249 dennis.philpot@ngc.com	Starts again September 7th
Easy English - Noel Colaço	11 am-12:30 pm	D Bldg.	818-776-1500 noel2053@att.net	The Holy Bible - in English (ESL)
Faithful Families - Volkens, Millers, Karkenneys	11 am-12:30 pm	I Bldg., I-101	818-823-5197 zach.volker@gmail.com	Bible Study
Galileans - Rich Weitzel	11 am-12:00 pm	K Bldg., K-7	818-881-8931 rjwsimi@yahoo.com	Equipping Class Knowing God
Joint Heirs - Larry Redekopp	11 am-12:00 pm	K Bldg., K-8	818-723-9444 lg.redekopp@usc.edu	Equipping Class Knowing God
Growing Families - Brian Rice & Jimmy Augur	11 am-12:30 pm	I Bldg., I-103	(818) 648-2767 brhino33@gmail.com	Equipping Class Apologetics
Pircey Group - Tony & Julie Pircey	11 am-12:30 pm	I Bldg., I-102	818-207-3452 pirceyx2@aol.com	Sermon Discussion
The Other Sheep - Richard Ruffin	11 am-12:30 pm	K Bldg., K-3	818-793-8254 exalt2u@gmail.com	Equipping Class Bible Study
Bridge Young Adults - Joe Leinen	11 am-12:15 pm	I Bldg., I-201	818-903-0015 joe@bridgebible.church	Equipping Class Truth Project
Bridge Youth - Jeff Borchardt	11 am-12:30 pm	G Chapel	920-390-9918 jeff@bridgebible.church	Biblical Counseling for Teens
MONDAYS				
Women's Bible Study - Teresa Todd	6:30-8:30 pm (1st & 3rd)	Northrid ge	818-203-4302 ttodd2serve@gmail.com	Acts
Men's Bible Study - PM - John Lapointe	7:00-9:00 pm	K Bldg., K-4	818-704-6367 jomalapointe@sbcglobal.net	Romans

WEDNESDAYS

Men's Bible Study - AM - Dave Grinnell	7:00 AM	Henri's Canoga Park	818-968-1261 dgrinnell@tbbfchurch.org	Bible Study
Women's Bible Study - Ann Grinnell	10:30 am-12:00 pm	K Bldg., K-8	818-968-1850 agrinnell@socal.rr.com	Study of Ecclesiastes
GriefShare - Michael & Betty Saenz	7:00 pm -8:30 pm	K Bldg., K-4	818-776-1500 masaenz32@gmail.com	Care for those grieving the death of a loved one.

WEDNESDAYS

Bridge Leadership Training - Pastoral Team	7:00-8:30 PM	K Bldg., K-8	818.776.1500 paul@bridgebible.church	TBD
LIFE Group - Don Rohde	7:00-8:30 pm	K Bldg., K-5	818-262-2092 sbuxdon@msn.com	1 Corinthians
Bridge Youth Group - Jeff Borchardt	6:30-9:00 pm	G Chapel	920-390-9918 jeff@bridgebible.church	Bible Study

THURSDAYS

Missionary Prayer - Jan Kolstad	7:00 am-8:30 am	Google Meet	818-776-1500 dkolstad@pacbell.net	Prayer for Missionaries
Women's Bible Study - Arlene Linstrom	11:00 am-12:15 pm	K Bldg., K-7	818-824-1294 arlenelinstrom@yahoo.co m	James
LIFE Group (1st & 3rd Thurs.) - DeLucas, Karkennys & Buttons	7:30-9:30 pm	Agoura Hills	818-706-2693 jad4314@pacbell.net (John DeLuca)	Bible Study

FRIDAYS

Living Word - Mary Ledbetter	9:00-11:00 am	K Bldg., K-5	818-640-3732 maryledbetter23@gmail.c om	Jeremiah & Lamentations
SHINE: (1st Friday of each month) - Barbara Barnhill & Elder	6:30-8:30 pm	K Bldg., K-5	818-448-8834 barbecary@gmail.com	For high-functioning adults with cognitive disabilities.
Bridge Young Adults - Joe Leinen	7:00-8:30 pm	I Bldg., I-201	818-903-0015 joe@bridgebible.church	Mark