

## THE DISCIPLES CROSS SESSION 4A *FELLOWSHIP WITH BELIEVERS*

### SCRIPTURE MEMORY VERSE

#### **John 13:34-35**

*“A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”*

1. Ask a member to tell about their experiences in sharing with someone how they have grown in Christ from the practice of memorizing Scripture. Call the group to prayer. As leader, thank God for the member's experiences in memorizing Scripture. Ask God to help them grow in their abilities to commit Scripture to memory.
2. Ask member to share their problems with time management and offers solutions. Encourage them and recognize their progress.
3. Ask a member to share about their experience of trying to go it alone as a Christian rather than staying connected to the fellowship of believers (see member book, p. 77). Share your own experience in this area.
4. Ask, why someone who professes to be a Christian, yet does not attend Church, living outside God's will? (*Christ commands us to love each other and to encourage each other in the body of Christ. To do otherwise is disregarding God's Word.*)
5. Ask, would someone tell about a time when he or she found it especially meaningful to fellowship with Christians? Allow two or three members to respond.
6. Invite members to tell how they would answer a fellow believer who says, “I can worship God far better when I'm enjoying nature at leisure than I can in a church on Sunday morning.” Ask members to share situations in their lives in which they struggled with issues about regular participation in the body of Christ.

Remind members to complete session four days four through five. You also may want to check the member's work in order to encourage the group to keep up with the material. Also please encourage members to continue with their Scripture memorization.