***Habits of Grace: Enjoying Jesus Through the Spiritual Disciplines,*** David Mathis, author

**Preparation for 3rd Quarterly Accountability Meeting**

**PART III**

***BELONG TO GOD’S BODY (FELLOWSHIP)***

**Chapter Thirteen – *Learn to Fly in the Fellowship***

* Please review the six sections of Chapter Thirteen and be prepared to discuss each.
* Please review the meaning of the word, “koinonia” and prepare to discuss its significance.
* Please read together the scripture texts in the section “Partnership for the Gospel” and prepare to discuss how each teaches us about true fellowship in ministry.
* Please prepare to discuss the twin texts of fellowship in the book of Hebrews.
* Please prepare to discuss how fellowship is covenantal.
* Please review the Six Lessons in Good Listening and discuss the benefits of each.

**Chapter Fourteen – *Kindle the Fire in Corporate Worship***

* Please review the five sections of Chapter Fourteen and be prepared to discuss each.
* Please prepare to discuss how corporate worship is the most important means of grace.
* Please prepare to discuss Mathis’ assertion that we experience corporate worship as a means of grace when we experience the joy of self-forgetfulness and how that might impact our corporate worship.
* Please review the Five Benefits of Corporate Worship and discuss the benefits of each.

**Chapter Fifteen – *Listen for Grace in the Pulpit***

* Please review the five sections of Chapter Fifteen and be prepared to discuss each.
* Please prepare to discuss how the act of preaching is a picture of the gospel, as Mathis describes.
* Please discuss how preaching is both “about” and “not about” Jesus.
* Please review the Five Graces in Faithful Preaching and discuss how each are present in the preaching you hear each week.

**Chapter Sixteen – *Wash in the Waters Again***

* Please review the four sections of Chapter Sixteen and be prepared to discuss each.
* Please prepare to discuss how the sacraments are means of grace.
* Please prepare to discuss baptism as sign and symbol of God’s grace.
* Please prepare how we can “improve our baptism.”
* Though Mathis does not address this, please prepare to discuss why Methodists baptize infants and do not rebaptize. (*For Methodists, baptism and Holy Communion are sacraments, not ordinances. In sacraments, God initiates covenant and we respond. God imputes God’s grace and effects the change within; God does the work. This means that we can baptize infants and children who cannot answer for themselves because God is doing the work within them, and those who are baptized, professing believers can bring them for baptism if the believer commits and covenants to raise the person in the Christian faith. Please see* “The Sacrament of Baptism: Order for Infants and Small Children” in *The Hymnal of the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church* (Memphis: The CME Publishing House, 2015), 610.

**Chapter Seventeen – *Grow in Grace at the Table***

* Please review the four sections of Chapter Seventeen and be prepared to discuss each.
* Please prepare to discuss the key principles of the means of grace and our habits of grace, as Mathis describes.
* Please prepare to discuss the four aspects of the Lord’s Supper as a means of grace: “The Gravity,” “The Past,” “The Present,” and “The Future.”

**Chapter Eighteen – *Embrace the Blessing of Rebuke***

* Please review the five sections of Chapter Eighteen and be prepared to discuss each.
* Please prepare to discuss the benefits and blessings of “rebuke” found in each scriptural text Mathis lists in the section, “Watershed of Wisdom.”
* Please review how reproof is described as “an act of love,” and prepare to discuss how you experience reproof in your daily life.
* Please prepare to discuss how it is difficult to embrace correction, and why it is still necessary to be willing to receive and give the blessing of rebuke.
* Please review the seven steps toward Christian correction and prepare to discuss why these are important in both giving *and* receiving correction.