

Back To School

Part 3 - Classmates

Opening story - The blood brothers

· Life is one big classroom and God is the ultimate School Master and teacher. As a provider, He supplies class mates.

Note - A school is a group of fish!

Example - The fish symbol

Why We Need to be In a School

1. Distinction

Note - Fish swim with fish, not with sharks, eels or Crocodiles!

A school is a place you learn. To learn how to be a Christian, you need to be around Christians!

2 Corinthians 6:14-18, Do not be yoked together with unbelievers. For what do righteousness and wickedness have in common? Or what fellowship can light have with darkness? 15 What harmony is there between Christ and Belial? What does a believer have in common with an unbeliever? 16 What agreement is there between the temple of God and idols? For we are the temple of the living God. As God has said: "I will live with them and walk among them, and I will be their God, and they will be my people." 17 "Therefore come out from them and be separate, says the Lord. Touch no unclean thing, and I will receive you." 18 "I will be a Father to you, and you will be my sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty."

Note - The witness is a witness

John 13:35, By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

2. Unison

Matthew 18:19, "Again, I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything you ask for, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven.

Example - The upper room (Acts 2)

Note - The micro-fibers on a fish's head that provide him with a sonar-like mechanism that keeps him in sync with the school.

John 17:23, May they be brought to complete unity to let the world know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.

3. Protection

Note - The shape of the school from a distance looks large like another predator, Many more eyes aware of what's around, the movement of their colors or markings creates confusion within the predator.

Deuteronomy 32:30 - 1,000/10,000

- Don't write off a class mate today you may need tomorrow!

Example - Paul and and John Mark

2 Timothy 4:11, 13, Get Mark and bring him with you, because he is helpful to me in my ministry. 13 When you come, be sure to bring the coat I left with Carpus at Troas. Also bring my books, and especially my papers.

Example - Ricky leading the processional at my mom's funeral.