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The Value of Fellowship

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A pastor once shared with me the “COMA” method of reading the Bible. It stands for **C**ontext, **O**bservation, **M**eaning, **A**pplication. It is a helpful way to ask yourself some basic questions about a passage, to help you more clearly understand what it is about. I recommend it to you.

I am convinced that the local groups of FCAP have a big part to play when it comes to the “A” in COMA, the Application.

The **C**ontext of a passage, the **O**bservations of its content, and the author’s **M**eaning don’t change; the teachings of the Bible are still the same, whether they are read by a pastor, a high school student, the unemployed, or an airline worker. “Love your enemies”, “pray constantly”, “work as if for the Lord” are true commands for every Christian.

Variance in Application

However, the Application for our lives does vary depending on our own situation, or what Mark Greene from the London Institute of Contemporary Christianity calls our “Frontline”. For example, what it looks like to “turn the other cheek” will be quite different for a stay-at-home parent versus for a CEO.

And using that example, wouldn’t it be more helpful for a parent to discuss this with other parents, rather than with a CEO? Wouldn’t it be most beneficial for CEOs to meet with other CEOs who understand what that Frontline is like?

So it is with FCAP. In my experience, I have found nowhere else to meaningfully discuss following Jesus at work than with my fellow Christian airline workers. Friends at church mean well, try hard, and empathize.

But they can’t really help me much. They just don’t understand the stress of recurrent simulators, multiple nights away from family each week, another 0415 sign-on, the environment in my company, or having so little control over your calendar.

But all I have to say to another pilot is, “I’m junior and have another east coast trip over the weekend”, and they know exactly how I perceive turnarounds with an aircraft swap, ATC delays and flight cancellations, and missing all my kids’ free time off school. Oh, and also, it’s another week that I can’t get to church.

If I say that to someone at church though, I’m likely to just get one of the standard questions like, “Do you eat the same food as the passengers?”, or, “Do you do international or domestic flights?” Can I get an “Amen”? I know you get those questions too!

A Network of Like-Minded Believers

The most common reaction I get when a Christian airline employee hears of FCAP is, “I thought I was the only Christian at work.” And even before taking part in any sort of get-together, they are greatly encouraged to know that there is a whole network of like-minded believers out there.

I encourage you, therefore, to get involved. You are missing out if you don’t. Depending on your role, it may be unrealistic to get to every meeting or your group may have to be creative in how best to organize yourselves with rosters and shift work. However, you will not regret making this effort. At a time in history where a sense of community is

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"If I ride the morning winds to the farthest oceans, even there Your hand will guide me, Your strength will support me."
Psalm 139:9-10

waning, and loneliness is on the rise, we need each other. I challenge you to look past your perception of being too busy and ask if, actually, you can make it work to get there. You will benefit from it, and so will your colleagues.

How about you start by committing to one meeting and give it a go? If you don't know where to start, contact the FCAP Office today.

Monthly Opportunities



"Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful; and let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another; and all the more, as you see the day drawing near."
Hebrews 10:23-25



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Now if you'll excuse me, I need to go get ready for that trip...

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BOISE AIRPORT CHAPEL ... Remembering a Special Life

The FCAP Boise Airport Chapel continues to provide encouragement and support to many, passengers and airport employees alike. They share the Gospel. They assist stranded passengers and others who encounter needs while traveling through their airport. They encourage believers working at the airport to be the salt and light God

desires for them to be and in how to persevere in the midst of challenges they may face. They are available for prayer as any need arises. They are there to console and pray with the bereaved. Such was the case recently when the Chapel held a memorial service for the family of a deceased custodial employee who was very loved by all who knew her and worked with her. Her name was Debra Howard.

Director of the Boise Airport Chapel, Warren Milanowski, reports that the memorial service was extremely well received. He credits that to his co-chaplain, Doug Human, who made all the preparations. Jennifer, one participant at the memorial service, writes the following:

"I want to send special thanks to the Boise Airport Chapel, Delaware North, BOI Custodial Services, Modern Printers, BOI Administration, Boise Airport Chaplains (and wife) for honoring my dear friend, Deb Howard. What a wonderful way to memorialize your colleague. You all did a beautiful job! I feel privileged that I got to attend. Deb was a happy, compassionate person and will be missed."

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