

Appendix 8



Goals for Christian Writers' Groups

The following goals have guided the Greater Philadelphia Christian Writers' Fellowship since our formation in 1983. You are welcome to use or adapt them. With God's help we are endeavoring to:

1. Press on to know the Lord, abide in him, and keep on growing in him (Hos. 6:3; John 15:1- 8; Col. 2:7).
2. Reach out to one another in fellowship, support, understanding, and encouragement (Phil. 2:4; 1 Thess. 5:11; Gal. 6:2).
3. Pray for one another—for our personal needs, our writing, and especially God's guidance and enabling (Eph. 6:18-19; Col. 4:2; 1 Tim. 2:1).
4. Increase our knowledge of God's Word in order to become effective communicators of his truth (Ezek. 3:10-11; 2 Tim. 2:15; 3:16-17).
5. Strengthen our writing and marketing skills (1 Tim. 4:14-15).

6. Develop strong working relationships with editors and undergird them with prayer (Rom. 12:4-5; Eph. 4:12-13).
7. Keep abreast of current issues. Look for opportunities to write his answer (Hab. 2:2; Col. 4:5- 6).
8. Battle procrastination and “get to work” (1 Chron. 28:20).
9. Learn to persevere and overcome discouragement (1 Cor. 15:58; Hab. 2:3; Gal. 6:9).
10. Expect God to do mighty things in and through us (Eph. 3:20).