



eventually for a great many years. I learned a lot from the attendees who were from different denominations. I believed they also appreciated learning something from my sharing. With only company employees attending, therefore without a “pastor” nor a permanent leadership, it was a miracle to me that the bible studies went on week after week for so many years. This testified to the continuing zeal and harmony among the attendees. I appreciated it and had come to regard it as an important part of my church life.

There was one essential condition upon which I stayed or continued in the bible study sessions: I made sure that I remained in harmony with other believers yet without compromising the essential truths in the Bible (as I understood it). Otherwise, I would have stopped attending.

Here is how I practiced “standing on the local ground of oneness” as an individual Christian, when attending bible study in the workplace: I come representing nobody, no church group, but myself, a Christian, a sinner saved by grace. I come assuming no ecclesiastic title/position, but that of a brother in Christ. I do not come to speak on behalf of “my” church. When I speak or share, it is not on behalf of any minister or ministry I may have been a follower of. I come to speak either simply for the Lord, or simply for myself. I come to seek spiritual fellowship hoping to find oneness and joy in Christ with the attendees, all of whom I regard as belonging to the Body of Christ. (Romans 12:18 – “If possible, as far as it depends on you (me), live in peace with all men.”). Lastly, if anybody found out and wanted to label me as a Christian belonging to the “Recovery” church, I would be neither proud nor ashamed of that label.

The following was, and still is, my attitude towards Bible studies in the workplace: 1) I would not join if I did not think I can learn anything from others. I would not join if I thought I had nothing spiritual to offer others. 2) I had no intention of coming to steal sheep. I also conceded the possibility that I myself as sheep might be stolen successfully by some denomination. 3) I would not continue to attend if I had no chance of sharing (speaking) anything. 4) I had no intention at all to “take over” the Bible study, for instance by trying to become one of its leading ones.

I joined this forum with the same attitude as above, hoping for a mutually helpful fellowship in the Lord with all. May the Lord bless you all.