



Fellowship (*κοινωνία*)

Connect:

Part of our times together should be for the purpose of fellowship

We can share in common our

- Love for the Lord's work by our attendance and attention
- Love and enthusiasm for the Lord Jesus by our attitude
- Love for each other by friendly interaction

Acts 2:42 "And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and *fellowship*, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers."

Question

What challenges do you think the early church faced for this type of fellowship?

The ideal ministry time for this is during LifeGroup / MdWk

We can share in common our

- Love for the Word of God by participation in the ministry of the Word.
- Love for each other by sharing the blessings and burdens of others

Question

In what ways is fellowship distinct from socializing?

We can share in common our

- Love for the Lord's presence by our time in prayer
- Love for the lost and those in need of God's work

Question

What societal trends, modern conveniences, and personal beliefs work against a Christian remaining in fellowship?

Live it Out

This week, what is one thing you can do either to deepen your fellowship with others or be more connected to other believers?

Notes

Translated as: fellowship 12 times communion 4 times communication 1 time

Definition:

Strong's:

1) fellowship, association, community, communion, joint participation,

1a) the share which one has in anything, participation

1b) fellowship, intimacy

1b1) the right hand as a sign and pledge of fellowship (in fulfilling the apostolic office)

1c) a gift jointly contributed, a collection, a contribution,
as exhibiting an embodiment and proof of fellowship

Waggoner's:

"To share that which one has in common for the purpose of mutual edification"