

Spiritual Discipline: Fellowship

Acts 2:42 (NIV84)

⁴²*They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.*

1. When you think of Christian fellowship, what comes to mind?
2. At Fellowship Church, we like to talk about our fellowship as *koinnia*. This is the Greek word that Luke uses in Acts 2:42 that is usually translated as “fellowship” in our English bibles. However, fellowship is more the result of *koinnia*, not *koinnia* itself. Perhaps the Message Bible’s paraphrase helps us to better understand the New Testament concept when it says “they committed themselves to the life together.” When you read the passage in this way, what do you envision?
3. Acts 2:42 is the beginning sentence of a summary passage describing what life together looked like in the early church. Some scholars believe that this summary (Acts 2:42-47) defines and explains different aspects of biblical *koinnia*. If they are right, what specifically is involved in experiencing biblical *koinnia*?
4. Who is the source of *koinnia*? (Hint: pay attention to context)
5. Have you ever experienced the presence of God’s Holy Spirit moving powerfully through and among a group of believers? If so, please take a few minutes and share your experience with your K-group? (Take some time as a group to reflect and share and at the end of the discussion ask, “Were some of these experiences *koinnia*?”)
6. So, if we intimately and collectively attach ourselves to God’s Holy Spirit and choose to practice the spiritual discipline of fellowship (*koinnia*), what specific things might we do? (Brainstorm possibilities – use your spiritual discipline card to get the ball rolling)
7. Can *koinnia* be measured? If so, how do we know when we have experienced it?