

Study Guide #13 (Leader's Guide): K-group Bible Study for Week of February 4, 2018

Title of the Lesson: Koinōnia

This week's bible passage talks about koinōnia which is the Spirit led common life of the church. It involves God's people participating together in intimate worship, sharing of material resources, and experiencing God's rich blessings as a result.

- Remind your group that one of the discipleship skills that we want to develop this year is the ability to verbalize scripture to people with whom we will have the opportunity to minister. So we will continue to ask one of you to tell the bible story from memory.
- So, let's give our undivided attention to _____ as he/she verbalizes tonight's bible study passage.

Acts 2:42-47

² They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. ⁴³ Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. ⁴⁴ All the believers were together and had everything in common. ⁴⁵ They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. ⁴⁶ Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

Questions

- Now, let's open our bibles to Acts 2:42-47. Let's review the scripture and look for details that need to be emphasized and remembered.
- After clarifying what the bible says, ask what resonated with you the most and why?
- Context Analysis: The story that precedes our passage is the narrative about the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. This is followed by Luke's summary of life in the early church? How do these two passages relate to each other? How about the passage that follows?
- Note the four activities that the first church was devoting itself to found in Acts 2:42. Discuss what each of these activities entailed and why they were important.
- The second activity (fellowship) is the most ambiguous one in the list. This is the Greek word koinōnia. It is frequently translated as "fellowship." When you think of Christian fellowship, what comes to mind? Do you think this (your answer) reflects what Luke had in mind when he said the church was devoted to "the koinōnia?" What might be similar and what might be different and why?
- It's interesting that Luke, the most prolific author of the New Testament, only used the word koinōnia one time, here in Acts 2:42. Based on this, it appears that it was a carefully selected word to emphasize the intimacy and the interconnectedness that the

early church believers had with each other. Some theologians feel that Acts 2:42-47 is describing koinōnia in detail. If this is true, what is involved in koinōnia?

- How well do you think today's church is living out this type of fellowship? Take a moment and discuss your group's answers.
- How can FC better live out koinōnia? Share specific examples of what we can do?
- By the way, does anyone know why we call our small groups K-groups? Why do you think this is the name that we chose for them?
- What do we learn about God from this passage?
- What do we learn about ourselves (mankind) from this passage?
- What actions do you plan to take as a result of this study and discussion?

Close with prayer. Pray specifically that the group can follow through with what God has put on their hearts to do.