

SCHOOL OF MINISTRY

DIVINE FELLOWSHIP:

God's Model for the Church



SCRIPTURE

Hebrews 10:24-25 NLT

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Divine Fellowship is **God's design** for His people.

Tonight, we will explore the biblical meaning of **Koinonia** and discover how God intended fellowship to connect believers to Him and to one another.

Together, we will examine:



The meaning of **Koinonia** and its significance for the Church.



The relationship between **vertical** fellowship with God and **horizontal** fellowship with one another.



God's **design**, **purpose**, and **model** for fellowship throughout Scripture.

THEME SCRIPTURE

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KEY TRUTH

Divine Fellowship is God's model for cultivating spiritual **growth**, **unity**, **healing**, **accountability**, and **transformation** within His Church.

DIVINE FELLOWSHIP

God's Design for the Church



THE BLUEPRINT

The Trinity's shared life



THE ENGINE

*Believers sharing that
divine life together*



HEBREWS
10:24-25



THE ACTION

Gathering to stir up love



EPHESIANS
5:27



THE RESULT

A spotless, holy Bride

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SECTION I

KOINONIA DEFINED

What Does Biblical Fellowship Actually Mean?

Koinonia (Gk.)

Communion, partnership,
participation, sharing,
spiritual association,
and fellowship.



Fellowship is **active participation** in the life of Christ together.

KEY SCRIPTURES



Acts 2:42

“They continued steadfastly in the apostles’ doctrine and fellowship (*koinonia*)...”



1 John 1:3

“That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship (*koinonia*) with us...”



Philippians 1:5

“For your fellowship (*koinonia*) in the gospel from the first day until now...”



SECTION I

Biblical Truths



Fellowship is **active participation** in the life of Christ together.



Koinonia is more than proximity—**partnership**.



Koinonia is both **relational** and **covenantal**.



The Church was not called merely to gather—but to **share life together** in Christ.



Dialogue Question



How is Koinonia different from simply attending church?



VERTICAL & HORIZONTAL FELLOWSHIP

Fellowship with God and with one another—called to love, connected to reflect Christ.

SCRIPTURES



1 John 1:3

“That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship (*koinonia*) with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ.”



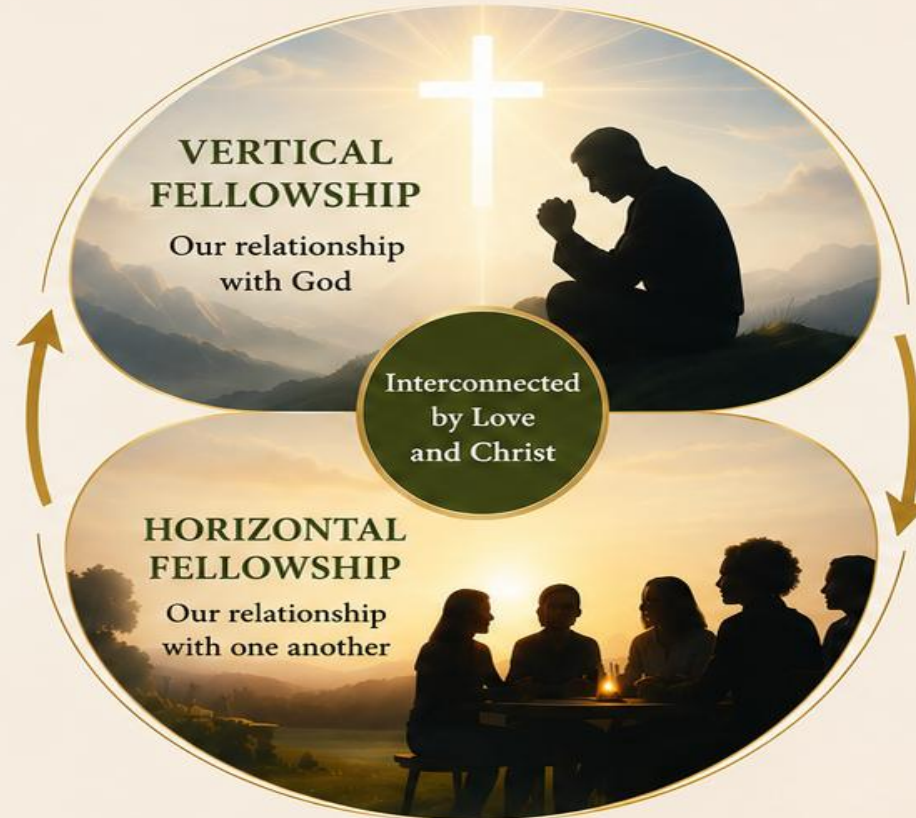
Matthew 22:37-39

“Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.”



John 13:34-35

“A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.”



WHAT WE SHOULD KNOW



Fellowship has two dimensions.



Vertical fellowship is our relationship with God.



Horizontal fellowship is our relationship with one another.



These dimensions are interconnected.



Healthy fellowship with God should produce healthy relationships with people.

EXAMPLES



Adam hid from God and then blamed Eve.
Genesis 3:8-13



Peter followed Christ from a distance before denying Him.
Matthew 26:69-75



SOMETHING TO REMEMBER



What is broken vertically
often manifests horizontally.



LET'S DISCUSS

What should authentic
fellowship with God produce
in our relationships?



SECTION III

GOD'S ORIGINAL DESIGN *for Fellowship*

God created fellowship. Sin fractured it. God pursued restoration.

SCRIPTURES



Genesis 2–3

“Then the Lord God planted a garden eastward in Eden; and there he put the man whom he had formed.”



Genesis 3:8–9

“And they heard the voice of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: themselves from the presence of the Lord God amongst the trees of the garden.”

BEFORE SIN UNITY & COMMUNION



Openness. Communion.
Transparency. Unity.
Adam and Eve enjoyed
unhindered fellowship
with God.

AFTER SIN SEPARATION & FEAR



Sin fractured fellowship.
Fear, hiding, blame,
and separation entered
the human experience.



WHAT WE SHOULD KNOW



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Yet God's first response was pursuit.



THE HEART OF GOD

Even in the midst of humanity's failure, God's heart remained the same—to walk with His creation.

“Where art thou?”

(Genesis 3:9)

The question of pursuit, not just judgment.

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WALK IN THE GOOD

Choose openness, pursuit, and unity—reflecting God's heart for fellowship.



LET'S DIALOGUE

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How does the contrast between Adam and Eve's experience before sin and after sin challenge the way we view fellowship today?

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STAY AWAY FROM

Hiding, blame, and anything that builds walls and pulls us away from God and others.

THE EARLY CHURCH: THE LIVING MODEL

A living example of Koinonia—deep fellowship in Christ that transformed lives and the world.

SCRIPTURES



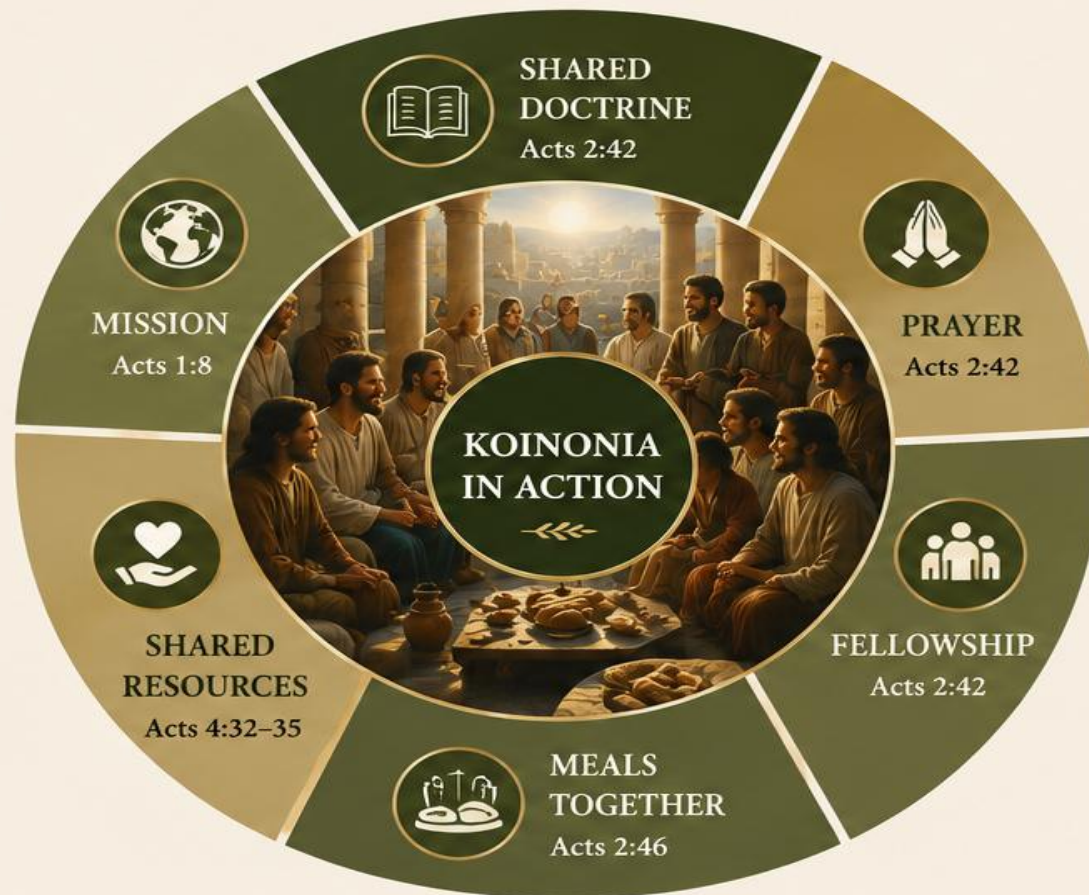
Acts 2:42–47

“And they continued steadfastly in the apostles’ doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers... And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.”



Acts 4:32–35

“And the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul: neither said any of them that ought of the things which he possessed was his own; but they had all things common... And there was none among them that lacked.”



WHAT WE SHOULD KNOW



The Early Church provides a living model of Koinonia.



They shared doctrine, prayer, fellowship, meals, resources, and mission.



Their strength came from participation, not attendance.



Fellowship was woven into every aspect of church life.



ONE HEART. ONE SOUL. ONE PURPOSE.

The Early Church didn't just gather together—they lived together in Christ. Their fellowship was real, their love was visible, and their impact was eternal. *This is our call today.*

THE EARLY CHURCH: THE LIVING MODEL

Koinonia in Action — Acts 2:42–47; Acts 4:32–35



WHAT WE SHOULD KNOW

- **The Early Church** provides the clearest biblical picture of Koinonia in action.
- **Fellowship** was expressed through doctrine, prayer, worship, meals, generosity, and mission.
- Their strength came from **participation**, not mere attendance.
- Their **unity** became a witness to the world.
- **Genuine fellowship** produces both spiritual growth and Kingdom impact.



LET'S DIALOGUE

What made the fellowship of the Early Church so powerful and attractive to those around them?

How can we model that same spirit of Koinonia in the Church today?

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

“And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.”

ACTS 2:47 (KJV)

V. THE PURPOSE AND POWER OF DIVINE FELLOWSHIP

SCRIPTURES

Hebrews 10:25 (KJV)

Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.

James 5:16 (KJV)

Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

Galatians 6:2 (KJV)

Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ.

Psalms 133:1 (KJV)

Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!

Proverbs 27:17 (KJV)

Iron sharpeneth iron; so a man sharpeneth the countenance of his friend.

WHAT WE SHOULD KNOW

- Divine Fellowship is God's provision for spiritual **encouragement**.
- Divine Fellowship **strengthens** believers through prayer and accountability.
- Divine Fellowship helps us **bear** one another's **burdens**.
- Divine Fellowship promotes **spiritual growth** and **maturity**.
- Divine Fellowship cultivates **unity** within the Body of Christ.
- Divine Fellowship creates an environment for **healing** and **restoration**.



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LET'S DIALOGUE

Which purpose of fellowship is most needed in today's Church?

VI. REBUILDING DIVINE FELLOWSHIP



SCRIPTURES

- **Ephesians 4:32 (KJV)**

And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.

- **Colossians 3:13 (KJV)**

Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye.

- **1 Corinthians 1:10 (KJV)**

Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.

- **Philippians 2:2-4 (KJV)**

Fulfil ye my joy, that ye be likeminded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind. Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves.



WHAT WE SHOULD KNOW

- Rebuilding fellowship begins with a heart of **forgiveness** and **grace**.
- **Humility** and **unity** are essential for lasting fellowship.
- We must put away offenses and **pursue reconciliation**.
- A shared purpose and **love for Christ** strengthen our unity.
- Rebuilding takes **intentional effort, prayer, and consistent commitment**.



LET'S DIALOGUE

What is one step you can take to help rebuild fellowship in your church or community?



VII. THE CROSS: THE ULTIMATE MODEL OF KOINONIA

WHAT WE SHOULD KNOW

SCRIPTURES

- Ephesians 2:13-14
- Colossians 1:20
- 2 Corinthians 5:18-19

WHAT WE SHOULD KNOW

- The Cross is both the source and model of fellowship.
- The vertical beam points to reconciliation with God.
- The horizontal beam points to reconciliation with one another.
- The Blood of Christ sustains both dimensions.
- The Church is called to live at the intersection of both.

FOUNDATIONAL TRUTH

*The Cross reconciles us to God and unites us with one another.
Through Christ's sacrifice, Divine Fellowship becomes possible.*

LET'S DIALOGUE

What does the Cross teach us about living in right relationship with God and one another?



CLOSING

OPEN DISCUSSION & REFLECTION

- What **truth** challenged or encouraged you tonight?
- What **practical step** can strengthen fellowship within our congregation?
- How can we better model **Koinonia** as a Church?

JOHN 13:35

*“By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples,
if ye have love one to another.”*



THANK YOU

— TO OUR HONORED LEADERS AND YOU ~ OUR BIBLICAL SCHOLARS —

Your faithful presence, thoughtful participation,
and commitment to the study of God's Word
have enriched this time of learning and fellowship.

DIVINE FELLOWSHIP: GOD'S MODEL FOR THE CHURCH

"And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine
and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers."

— ACTS 2:42 (KJV)

CLOSING REFLECTION

*"By this everyone will know
that you are My disciples,
if you love one another."*

— JOHN 13:35 (NIV)

FINAL THOUGHT

Divine Fellowship is God's design for His people—
to grow together, to encourage one another,
to bear one another's burdens,
and to reflect Christ through authentic community.

We Are Stronger Together in Christ.



THANK YOU

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AND YOU ~ OUR BIBLICAL SCHOLARS



FELLOWSHIP IN *Giving*

Giving is an act of worship.
Generosity is an expression
of our fellowship with God.



*"Each one must give as he has decided in his heart,
not reluctantly or under compulsion,
for God loves a cheerful giver."*
– 2 CORINTHIANS 9:7 (ESV)



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SUN
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A black graduation cap with a red tassel is positioned on top of the large yellow numbers "2026". The cap features a white logo that appears to be a stylized "NSBC". The numbers "2026" are large, yellow, and three-dimensional, standing on a reflective surface.

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— ESTHER 4:16 —

“...And who knows whether you have come
to the kingdom for such a time as this?”

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Women's Ministry

**SUNDAY
JULY 19TH**

10:00 AM

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Speaker:*

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I Still Believe; No Matter What!



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