

Last week, we had an opportunity to hear a message about being Devoted. Today we are looking at what it looks like to fellowship with one another. The Apostles were devoted to the teaching of and living out the message of Jesus Christ. Fellowship is a transliterated form of the Greek word *κοινωνία* (“*koinonia*”), which refers to concepts of communion; a joint participation, sharing with which one has in anything, a gift jointly contributed, a collection, or a contribution. As you begin to study, ask God to speak to you through His Word.

Jump Start

1. Describe a time when you felt like you were a part of a group that really bonded well (e.g. a sports team, a summer camp experience, Life Group, family vacation, etc.). What factors made the group “gel” in such a way that it stands out in your memories?
2. Read [Acts 2:42, 1 John 1:1-7, and 1 Corinthians 1:9](#). The word *koinonia* appears as “fellowship” four times in the texts above, twice referring to a relationship with each other, and twice referring to a sharing with/partnership with God. What do you think it means that God calls us into *koinonia* with himself? What do you think it means that God calls us into *koinonia* with each other?
3. Read [Acts 2:46, Proverbs 13:20, Proverbs 27:6, and 1 Corinthians 11:1](#). Is there anything that sabotages fellowship in your own life? How can you work to intentionally pursue deeper, spiritually significant relationships? How can you surround yourself with people that will help you to be more like Jesus? What are the benefits to godly fellowship?
4. Read [Acts 2:44, Proverbs 15:32, Hebrews 3:12-15, and Exodus 17:11-13](#). Who in your life will be honest with you? Who holds you up when you get weary? Who will tell you when you begin making poor decisions in your relationships, in your marriage, with your kids, at work? Do you have those people who will tell you the things you need to hear?
5. **Pray This Prayer:** God, thank You so much that You are a God who wants us to experience Your best. God, You know we can’t get by doing life alone; You created us to be in fellowship. Please bring people into my life to help me be the best version of myself. Father, I depend on You and I trust You with my whole being, so please heal the brokenness in me that keeps me from community. God, this season has been hard. Some of the people I desire to be in community with are distant from me. I know You have made us to be creative beings, so give us creative ways to come together safely. God, I thank You for the new friendships in this season that You are cultivating. I thank You for sending Your Son Jesus to die on a cross to bear my sins. Even as Jesus was there on the cross, with compassion and love He extended forgiveness. So, Father, help me to forgive those that have hurt me. Help me to be a bridge; give me the words to say and the timing to go to that person. I speak reconciliation and healing over those relationships in the name of Jesus. Father, I thank You for

healing those broken relationships in my life and giving me courage to have those hard conversations. I want to be made new. There are times when I am weak, so please God send me people who will hold up my arms and encourage me. I love You, Lord. I am grateful that You are renewing my relationship with You, God. I desire to be in fellowship with You, Lord. I know that as I spend time with You, I will become more like You, so help me to create my schedule so that it honors You first, before I do anything else in my day. Lord, I thank You. I love you, Lord, Amen.

Deeper

In this season, we are reading the Scriptures and coding them as we read. Why we are doing this? To slow down and become aware of what the Holy Spirit is teaching us as we read. The voice of the Holy Spirit will take faith to follow. Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal to you the plans that God has for you. Ask Him for wisdom. Pray for awareness of His presence. There are also the **SOAP** questions to help guide you as well. (**S O A P** stands for **S**cripture **O**bservation **A**pplication **P**rayer.) There are lots of ways to study God's Word. The key is to just do it. As we spend time with God, we become more like Him.

CODING GUIDE:

(If you do not have these colors adjust to what you have and make a coding guide in your study notebook.)

Yellow Highlighter: God is speaking personally to me.

Green Highlighter: Who I am to be or what I am to do.

Red Underline: Mind Blowing (something that stood out to you).

Black Circle: I do not understand this at all. HELP.

(Bring this up when you are in Life Group to discuss.)

6. **Scripture.** Read [Hebrews 10:24-25](#), [1 John 1:3](#), [1 Corinthians 12:12](#), [Colossians 3:12-14](#), [1 John 1:6-9](#), [Philippians 2:4](#) and study the scripture and gain deeper understanding of fellowship. What is the Holy Spirit saying to you as you read these passages?

Take time to read this passage and allow God to speak to you. Jot down anything that made you stop and pause or anything that you questioned. When you are done, look for a verse that particularly spoke to you and write it out fully in your journal.

7. **Observe.** What is God saying to you in these verses? What overarching theme or promise did you see? What did the specific verse that you were drawn to teach you?

What do you think God is saying to you, personally and specifically, in these Scriptures? (You can even have a short prayer at this point, asking the Holy Spirit to teach you and reveal Jesus to you. Remember that He promised to give us wisdom and reveal truth to us when we ask.)

8. **Application.** How will you apply what God showed you through these verses?

Personalize what you have read by asking yourself how it applies to your life right now. Perhaps it is instruction, encouragement, a new promise, or correction in an area of your life. For sure, God is challenging you to deeper passion and commitment to His Word this week! Write down how this Scripture applies to you today.

9. **Pray.** Pray about what you read in [Hebrews 10:24-25, 1 John 1:3, 1 Corinthians 12:12, Colossians 3:12-14, 1 John 1:6-9, Philippians 2:4](#). Pray about what God revealed to you in these verses.

This prayer can be as simple as asking God to help you use this Scripture, or even a prayer for a greater insight on what He may be revealing to you. Remember, prayer is a two-way conversation, so take time here! Be sure to listen to what God has to say! Now, write it out. Journaling your quiet time helps you to see what God is teaching you over time.