

## **Who & What Do You Fellowship Around?** (The Categories of Fellowship)

### **A. The COMMONALITY of Biblical FELLOWSHIP.**

1. The *definition* of “fellowship” (koinonia) is **A SHARING OR JOINT PARTICIPATION INVOLVING A COMMON INTEREST, THINKING, OR PURPOSE BETWEEN INDIVIDUALS.** Koinonia is found \_\_\_ x in the NKJV and is translated “fellowship” (13x), contribution (1x), communion (3x), sharing (3x), partakers (5x), partners (3x), and companions (1x).
2. The *design* of fellowship in Acts 2:41-47 involves genuine **BELIEVERS in Christ who were continually devoted to BIBLICAL INSTRUCTION, FELLOWSHIP, the BREAKING OF BREAD, and PRAYER.**
  - What is the basis of true biblical fellowship?
    - a. \_\_\_\_\_ . (Jude 1:3-4)
    - b. \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ by the grace of God. (1 Cor. 1:9-10)
    - c. \_\_\_\_\_, starting with the Gospel. (Phil. 1:12-18)
    - d. \_\_\_\_\_ . (Phil. 2:1ff)
  - What happens when any of these are missing? (Amos 3:3; Ps. 133:1; Prov. 6:19; Acts 19:8-10)
  - Principle to remember: the \_\_\_\_\_ of your fellowship with others will depend upon your agreement on the Gospel, sound doctrine, your attitude, and spiritual maturity.

### **B. The CATEGORIES of FELLOWSHIP.**

1. The *direction* of fellowship can be \_\_\_\_\_ with other \_\_\_\_\_ around \_\_\_\_\_, or it can be with \_\_\_\_\_ and with \_\_\_\_\_. (1 John 1:1-4)
  - What about fellowship with the Holy Spirit? (2 Cor. 13:14)
  - What is the primary purpose of 1 John? (1 John 1:3-4)
  - Who provides the true basis for genuine Christian fellowship? (1 John 1:1-3; 4:1-3)
  - What is the by-product of genuine fellowship around Jesus Christ? (1:4)
  - What must you remember about love and fellowship with others, even believers?
  - What was even true with Jesus Christ and his fellowship with his 12 disciples, as well as the Pharisees & Sadducees?

2. The *description* of fellowship involves a joint participation with believers regarding such privileges or ministry opportunities as ...

a. \_\_\_\_\_ to other believers in genuine need due to natural circumstances, persecutions, etc.

- Rom. 15:26-27
- 2 Cor. 8:4, 9:13
- Heb. 13:16
- When did this fellowship / ministry not apply? (1 Thess. 4:9-12; 2 Thess. 3:6-15)

b. \_\_\_\_\_ for the furtherance of the Gospel. (Phil. 1:5, 27; Philemon 6)

c. \_\_\_\_\_. (Phil. 3:10; 2 Cor. 1:7)

d. \_\_\_\_\_. (2 Cor. 1:8-11)

- What is needed in each of these?

3. The *distinctions* regarding fellowship are that you may be involved in ...

a. the \_\_\_\_\_ kind of fellowship (Gal. 2:9; Phil. 1:27) or ...

b. the \_\_\_\_\_ kind of fellowship (1 Cor. 10:20; 11:17-19; 2 Cor. 6:11-7:1; 2 John 11).

- How does all of this apply to you?