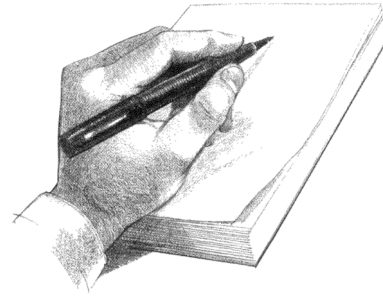


# Living Connections Bible Study



## Christian Fellowship

### Prayer

Icebreaker: Discuss how Christian fellowship has been important to you and your family.

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Text: Acts 2:44-47; Hebrews 10:24-25

The New Testament term *fellowship* comes from the Greek work *koinonia*, meaning to share in common. Someone has quipped that *fellowship is two or more fellows on the same ship headed to the same destination and sharing similar interests and purposes in common.*

1. What do we learn about the fellowship that went on in the early church?

Acts 2:1 \_\_\_\_\_

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Acts 2:42 \_\_\_\_\_  
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Acts 2:44-45 \_\_\_\_\_  
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Acts 2:46-47 \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. Who is the common denominator that makes our fellowship with God the Father and with each other possible? 1 John 1:1-3

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3. What important aspect of fellowship do we find in 1 John 1:7?

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4. What 6 things do all genuine believers share in common? Ephesians 4:4-6

\_\_\_\_\_ [spiritual] \_\_\_\_\_ [the Church universal] \_\_\_\_\_  
[Holy] \_\_\_\_\_ [Heaven]; \_\_\_\_\_ [Jesus,  
The Christ], \_\_\_\_\_ [based on the promises of God's Word], \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ [into \_\_\_\_\_ the Body of Christ by the Holy Spirit]; \_\_\_\_\_  
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5. What does Paul mean by our *fellowship in the gospel*?  
Philippians 1:3–5; Mark 16:15; 1 Corinthians 15:1–4

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6. How is the Church like an organism rather than an organization (the *body of Christ*)? Ephesians 4:16; 1 Corinthians 12:12–27

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There are at least 30 New Testament commands we can't keep unless we are an integral part of a local church. We are to *bear one another's burdens, serve one another, accept one another, forgive one another, greet one another, be devoted to one another, honor one another, teach one another, submit to one another, encourage one another, pray for one another*, etc. etc. etc. There is a tremendous emphasis throughout the New Testament on fellowshiping together, of coming together, ministering to and serving each other.

7. In what ways do we profit from Christian fellowship?

- By the \_\_\_\_\_ and testimony of others 1 John 1:1–3
- By mutual \_\_\_\_\_ 2 Corinthians 1:4
- By \_\_\_\_\_ the fallen Galatians 6:1
- By meeting each other's \_\_\_\_\_ Galatians 6:2
- By united \_\_\_\_\_ Matthew 18:19
- By hearing the \_\_\_\_\_ of others Luke 8:39
- By planning and teamwork to fulfill the \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Matthew 28:19–20
- By the instruction given to our \_\_\_\_\_ Matthew 19:14

8. Why do you think we need Christian fellowship more and more as the day of Christ's return approaches? 2 Timothy 3:1-5; Hebrews 10:24-25

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**Think about it this week:**

How important is Christian fellowship?

Compare those who do and those who don't and the answer will become obvious?