

TOGETHER

DESIGNED FOR RELATIONSHIP & COMMUNITY

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Koinonia

Review:

- We can confidently serve one another, understanding God uniquely designed us to do. (12:4-11).
- God's church has been given the exact variety it needs to fulfill its purpose (12:12-20).
- Each believer, in the church, needs the influence of other believers (12:21-26).

Upcoming Weeks: 1. Care 2. Grow 3. Suffer /Comfort 4. Rejoice 5. Be on Mission → TOGETHER.

Today: 1. Clarify the term: Fellowship
2. Four necessary commitments in order to foster God-honoring community? Let's commit!

Koinonia Def: _____

Christian Koinonia's Common Denominator: _____

Gal 3:26-29

*²⁶ So **in Christ Jesus** you are all children of God through faith, ²⁷ for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. ²⁸ There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹ If you belong to Christ, then you are... heirs according to the promise.*

4 CHRISTIAN KOINONIA COMMITMENTS (IN REGARDS TO RELATIONAL CARE)..

1. CHRISTIAN KOINONIA (FELLOWSHIP / COMMUNITY) REQUIRES AUTHENTICITY.

***1 Thess 2:8** ...we were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God **but our lives as well.** (NIV)
1 John 1:7... if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, **we have fellowship** with one another... (NIV)*

2. CHRISTIAN KOINONIA (FELLOWSHIP / COMMUNITY) REQUIRES MUTUALITY.

"The way God designed our bodies is a model for understanding our lives together as a church: every part dependent on every other part" (1 Cor 12:25—Message Paraphrase).

The Bible commands mutual accountability, mutual encouragement, mutual serving and mutual honoring.

***Rom 1:12** [may we] be mutually encouraged by each other's faith, both yours and mine. (ESV)*

***Rom 12:10** Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor (ESV)*

***Rom 14:19** pursue...mutual upbuilding. (ESV)*

***Phil 2:3** ...count others more significant than yourselves. 4 Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. (ESV)*

3. CHRISTIAN KOINONIA (FELLOWSHIP / COMMUNITY) REQUIRES COMPASSION.

Matt 9:36; 14:14; Mark 6:34. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were

..., like sheep without a shepherd. (ESV)

Gal 6:2 Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. (NIV)

Col 3:12, 13 Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts...bearing with one another...(ESV)

2 Cor 5:14 "For Christ's love compels us..." (NIV)

4. CHRISTIAN KOINONIA (FELLOWSHIP / COMMUNITY) REQUIRES MERCY, FORGIVENESS & GRACE.

Colossians 3:13 You must make allowances for each other's faults and forgive the person who offends you.

Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others. (NLT)

Discussion & Reflection Questions:

1. *Koinonia* is used nineteen times in the New Testament and in addition to being translated as "fellowship" it is also translated by the words, "contribution," "sharing," and "participation." A close study of the usage of this word shows that action is always included in its meaning. Fellowship, you see, is not just **being-together**, it is **doing-together**, because we **share something specific in common...together**. Why is it so important for us to understand and maintain the centrality of Christ Jesus as the source of our Koinonia? Think back to Galatians 3:26-29 & 1 Corinthians 12:4-26

2. Reread John 13:34,35. Put in into your own words. What is the actual command? Why do you think it was to Jesus to draw this connection?

3. We looked at four (of many) *necessary commitments* in order to foster God-honoring **fellowship** and **community** (Koinonia). Which of the four comes easily for you to practice? Which of the four is more difficult for you to practice? What are other essential markers / commitments necessary to foster Christ-like "togetherness"?

SONGS

"Together In This Fight" – Valley Bible Worship

"Found In You" – Paul Baloche, Andi Rozier

"How Deep The Father's Love For Us – Stuart Townend

"Christ Be All Around Me" – David Leonard, Jack Mooring,
Leeland Mooring, Leslie Jordan

BUDGET

GIVING LAST WEEK: \$26,137.00
WEEKLY NEED: \$34,979.00

YTD GIVING: \$1,299,762.00
YTD GENERAL NEED: \$1,329,202.00