

Koinonia

What It Means to "Share Together" in Christ



Acts 2 ⁴² They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

⁴³ Everyone was filled with awe, and many wonders and miraculous signs were done by the apostles. ⁴⁴ All the believers were together and had everything in common. ⁴⁵ Selling their possessions and goods, they gave to anyone as he had need. ⁴⁶ Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved. (NIV)

1. Koinonia: **Shared** _____! (_____)

WD P NH

☐ ☐ ☐ **A.**

(vv.42a, 46a, 47a)



cf. Hebrews 10:24-25

☐ ☐ ☐ **B.**

(vv.42b, 45)



cf. Philippians 2:25; 4:3

☐ ☐ ☐ **C.**

(vv.44, 46c, 47b)



cf. Mark 6:30-32

2. Koinonia: **Sharing** _____! (_____)

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☐ ☐ ☐ **A.**

(vv.42b, 46b)



cf. John 21:12-15

☐ ☐ ☐ **B.**

(v.46b)



cf. Mark 7:17; Titus 1:8

☐ ☐ ☐ **C.**

(v.42c)



cf. Acts 12:12; James 5:16

☐ ☐ ☐ **D.**

(vv.42b, 46a, 47b)



cf. Acts 18:26; Romans 15:14

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's message. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's message. It is also helpful to discuss your answers with others. This can take place with friends, your family, accountability partners, or ministry groups within the church.

1. Describe what happens when Christians withdraw from other Christians and try to live the Christian life without real "connectedness" to other disciples in their local fellowship.

Read **Hebrews 10:24-25**. What are you willing to sacrifice, and what real-life, Orange County inconveniences are you willing to bear to be obedient to this command from God's word?

2. Review the list of seven sub points on the front side of this worksheet and thoughtfully rate them by checking the adjacent boxes as directed in the sermon (if you haven't already). Which of these need immediate attention? Why do you think these have been neglected in your life?

What will you do to change the status of these over the next two weeks?

3. The third sub point (i.e., 1/C) is often passed over by thoughtful Christians as unimportant or superfluous. Why do you think this should be periodically practiced by all Christians and what do you think is revealed and learned about our brothers and sisters in Christ when we do?
4. Write out a prayer that expresses your commitment to excel in the areas discussed in this sermon.

Through the Bible in 2006

Chapters of the Bible you need to read this week!

March 5th

Num. 13-14 & Prov. 20

March 6th

Num. 15-17 & Prov. 21

March 7th

Num. 18-19 & Prov. 22

March 8th

Num. 20-21 & Prov. 23

March 9th

Num. 22-23 & Prov. 24

March 10th

Num. 24-25 & Prov. 25

March 11th

Num. 26-27 & Prov. 26

March 12th

Num. 28-29 & Prov. 27

Here are some resources which may help you understand and apply the truths presented in this week's sermon.

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