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Fellowship = Faith, Family & Friendship. It's more than a gathering.

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Acts 2:42-44 (TPT)

⁴² Every believer was **faithfully devoted** to following the teachings of the apostles. **Their hearts were mutually linked to one another**, sharing communion and **coming together regularly** for prayer. ⁴³ A deep sense of holy awe swept over everyone, and the apostles performed many miraculous signs and wonders. ⁴⁴ All the believers were in fellowship as **one body**, and they shared with one another whatever they had.

WHAT IS FELLOWSHIP?

True fellowship is _____. It is participation in a shared _____ life.

1 Corinthians 12:12-14

¹² For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are **one body**, so it is with Christ. ¹³ For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit. ¹⁴ For the body does not consist of one member but of many.

1 Peter 1:3

God has given us the privilege of being born again so that we are now members of God's very own family.

Going to and participating in the local church is like connecting with your _____.

WHY IS BIBLICAL FELLOWSHIP SO IMPORTANT?

Mark 12: 30-31 NIV

³⁰ Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. ³¹ The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself. "There is no commandment greater than these."

Fellowship is important because it is what God _____.

HOW DO YOU HAVE TRUE FELLOWSHIP?

- Must be _____.
- Must be _____.
- Share together in _____.
- We must share together in _____.

Hebrews 10:25

²⁵ And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near.

WHAT ARE THE OUTCOMES OF FELLOWSHIP?

- The church will be _____.
- The Church will _____.
- The Church will have _____.
- The Church and its people will have _____.
- The church will _____.

Acts 2:46-47 (TLB)

⁴⁶ They worshiped together regularly at the Temple each day, met in small groups in homes for Communion, and shared their meals with great joy and thankfulness, ⁴⁷ praising God. The whole city was favorable to them, and each day God added to them all who were being saved.

ENEMIES OF FELLOWSHIP

- Technology
- Need for entertainment or pleasure
- Lack of seriousness and maturity
- Culture's promotion of independence, self-actualization, individualism
- lone ranger syndrome and focus on selfish needs
- distractions, busyness and so many responsibilities
- Less focus on the local church, lack of need for the local church and over-emphasis on BEING the church