

# LifeGroup Leader Guide

## Animated: Koinonia

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### 1. What is a key insight or takeaway for you from this week's sermon?

Sermon highlights –

Jesus Promises the Holy Spirit and tells us He will not leave us as orphans: (John 14) God's Spirit is living in us. We don't have to do life alone.

The Spirit is poured out at Pentecost: (Acts 2) From that day forward every follower of Jesus has the Spirit, giving us power to Follow Jesus, Love God and Love People.

Koinonia is a Greek word that highlights our fellowship with God and with each other through the Spirit. It is a sharing in the life of God and sharing life with one another.

John and Peter reflect on their experience of koinonia. 1 John 1:1-3, 2 Peter 1:3-5. Through the Spirit we have fellowship with God and with each other.

Fellowship with God includes union with God and communion with God. In John 15:1-5, Jesus teaches about the Vine and the Branches, a beautiful picture of how we can experience communion with God through remaining in Him.

Fellowship with each other is something we cultivate. Having regular community with other followers of Jesus is essential to our experience of koinonia.

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### 2. The Spirit Animates Our Lives

Read Acts 2:1–4

#### Leader Insight:

The key takeaway is **dependence on the Spirit**, not self-effort.

- Avoid getting sidetracked into debates about tongues—keep focus on empowerment and presence.
- Emphasize: the same Spirit is active today.

**Follow-up prompts:**

- Where do you rely on your own strength instead of the Spirit?
  - What might change if you truly believed God's power is in you?
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### **3. Understanding Koinonia (Shared Life)**

Read 1 John 1:1–3

**Leader Insight:**

Koinonia is deeper than social connection—it's **shared life rooted in Christ**.

- Help the group move beyond “friendliness” to “spiritual family.”
- Normalize that this depth takes time and intentionality.

**Follow-up prompts:**

- What makes relationships feel surface-level vs. life-giving?
  - What risks are required for deeper community?
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### **4. Participating in the Divine Nature**

Read 2 Peter 1:3–4

**Leader Insight:**

This can sound abstract. Ground it:

- It does *not* mean becoming God.
- It *does* mean sharing in His character (holiness, love, life) through the Spirit.

**Follow-up prompts:**

- Where have you seen God's character growing in you?
  - What promise of God do you need to hold onto right now?
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### **5. Union and Communion with God**

**Leader Insight:**

People often confuse these:

- **Union** = always true (objective reality)
- **Communion** = experienced (can fluctuate)

Encourage those who feel distant: their *union* hasn't changed. This builds assurance.

**Follow-up prompts:**

- What helps you become more aware of God's presence?
  - What distracts you from experiencing communion?
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## 6. Abiding in the Vine

Read John 15:5

**Leader Insight:**

Abiding is not complicated—it's relational dependence.

- "Trust & rest" speaks to anxiety and control.
- "Savour & receive" speaks to neglecting delight in God.

**Follow-up prompts:**

- Which comes more naturally to you—doing for God or being with Him?
  - What is one simple practice you could try this week?
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## 7. Spirit-Formed Community

**Leader Insight:**

Highlight that these qualities (love, courage, insight, prayer) are **Spirit-produced**, not personality-driven.

- Create safety—model openness as a leader.
- If vulnerability is low, don't force it; build gradually.

**Follow-up prompts:**

- What kind of community do you long for?

- What step could *you* take to help create that?
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## 8. Living It Out: Cultivating Koinonia

Read 1 John 1:3

### Leader Insight:

Move the group toward **specific, actionable steps**.

- Avoid vague answers like “pray more.” Help them name something concrete.
- Consider inviting accountability next week.

### Follow-up prompts:

- Who could you intentionally connect with this week?
  - When will you set aside time to be with God?
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## Leader Tips for the Flow

- Keep discussion moving, but don’t rush meaningful moments.
- If conversation goes deep, it’s okay to cover fewer questions.
- Affirm contributions without over-correcting or over-teaching.
- Watch the time—leave space at the end for prayer.