

LifeGroup Study

Animated: Koinonia

SERMON SUMMARY

Koinonia, often translated "fellowship", is key to our relationship with God and one-another. Through the indwelling, animating work of the Spirit, we experience union and communion with God and share a vital life connection with other followers of Jesus.

KEY VERSE

1 John 1:3 NIV "We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ."

SERMON NOTES

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DISCUSSION GUIDE

1. What is a key insight or take-away for you from this week's sermon?

2. The Spirit Animates Our Lives

Read Acts 2:1-4

The Holy Spirit fills the early believers.

Question: What stands out to you about how the Spirit shows up in this passage? How does this shape your understanding of where the power for the Christian life comes from?

3. Understanding Koinonia (Shared Life)

Read 1 John 1:1-3

Koinonia is described as sharing a "common life" with God and others.

Question: What do you think it practically means to "share a common life" with God and other believers? How is this different from just attending church?

4. Participating in the Divine Nature

Read 2 Peter 1:3-4

We are invited to "participate in the divine nature."

Question: What do you think this means—and what does it *not* mean? How does this truth impact how you see your identity as a follower of Jesus?

5. Union and Communion with God

(Reflect on both passages above)

Union = our constant relationship with God

Communion = our daily experience of that relationship

Question: Which of these do you tend to neglect—resting in your union with God, or intentionally pursuing communion with Him? What might help you grow in that area?

6. Abiding in the Vine

Read John 15:5

Jesus describes Himself as the vine and us as the branches.

Question: What does "abiding" look like in real, everyday life? Which of these practices—*trust & rest* or *savour & receive*—do you most need to grow in right now?

7. Spirit-Formed Community

Reflect on how the Spirit grows love, courage, insight, discernment and prayer among believers.

Question: Which of these have you experienced in Christian community? Which one do you long to experience more?

8. Living It Out: Cultivating Koinonia

(Read again 1 John 1:3)

We are invited into fellowship with God *and* one another.

Question: What is one practical step you can take this week to deepen your connection with God or with other believers (e.g., meeting with someone, being more open, prioritizing time with God)?

CLOSING PRAYER

Father, thank You that You have not left us on our own. Thank You for the gift of Your Holy Spirit, who brings us into real relationship with You and connects us to one another as Your family.

Jesus, thank You that we are united with You—that You are the vine and we are the branches. Help us to abide in You this week. Teach us to trust You and rest in You, and to savour Your presence and receive Your love.

Holy Spirit, animate our lives. Grow in us a deeper awareness that we are never alone. Fill us with love for one another, give us courage to be real and open, and lead us into truth as we walk together.

Help us to live out koinonia—to share a common life with You and with each other in a way that is real, life-giving, and transformative.

We give You this week ahead. Lead us, shape us, and help us walk closely with You.

In Jesus' name, Amen.