

Fellowship (Acts 2:42-47)

Fellowship has to do with “sharing something in common.” Fellowship is “participation with others, partnering with others, and even contributing with others.”

Three Dimensions of Fellowship

1. Fellowship with God

God lives in perfect fellowship being One God in three persons - Father, Spirit, and Son.

When we are rescued by God, we are called into this spiritual fellowship with God.

1 Corinthians 1:9

2 Corinthians 13:14

1 John 1:3

God invites us to be in this relationship with Him. This fellowship is sharing in the life of God.

2. Fellowship Together as a Large Group

Large Group Life together is clearly a part of the NT church. (Assembly, Ekklesia - Acts 2:46)

The Focus of the assembly is Centered around the Word of God Preached (Acts 5:42)

Other reasons we can point to the Large Group dimension of the Fellowship of the Church

- God’s people gathered as a large group in the Old Testament (Ezra 10:1; Nehemiah 8:2).
- The church quickly increased in size (Acts 4:4; 6:7; 13:44).
- The need for qualified men to lead - elders, overseers, pastors (Acts 6:3-4; 14:23; 20:28).
- The New Testament command about assembling together (Hebrews 10:25).
- Heaven will be a large group experience (Rev. 7:9).

3. Fellowship Together in Small Groups

The early church had a small group dimension of fellowship (Acts 2:46; 5:42).

All throughout the New Testament, we have people meeting in homes, sometimes as a church and many times as a smaller part of a larger, local church (Acts 12:12; 1 Corinthians 16:19).

As important as our weekly worship gathering is, we cannot obey the “one another” commands fully unless we develop deeper relationships with other believers in small groups.

Love one another

Bear with one another

Be devoted to one another

Encourage and build up one another

Serve one another

Confess sins to one another

Speak truth to one another

Comfort one another

Forgive one another

Submit to one another

Pray for one another

Be hospitable to one another

Small Group Basics

- Build Relationships
- Study the Bible
- Serve the Lord

Remember you can sign up for small groups on our website, our app, or you can always send an email to smallgroups@cumberlandfellowship.com