



## REFLECT

1. What do you miss most when you are away from regular gatherings with believers?
  
2. What truth from this week's sermon resonated with you the most?

## ENCOUNTER

*Koinonia*. The Greek word is translated as “fellowship,” “communion,” “partnership,” “common life.” A Bible dictionary defines *koinonia* as “fellowship, association, community, communion, joint participation, intercourse; in the N. T. as in classical Greek...the share which one has in anything, participation” (Thayer’s Lexicon). It’s a key word in the New Testament because the Christian life was never meant to be lived alone. We were made to grow together in biblical community.

Study just a few of the occurrences of *koinonia* in these passages using these questions to learn more about biblical community.

3. How is *koinonia* translated in each verse?
4. What is our source of *koinonia*?
5. What is our responsibility to one another?

Acts 2:42

Philippians 1:4-5

1 John 1:3

## TRANSFORM

6. How would you summarize what you learned about biblical community?
  
7. How is biblical community different than social activity in its foundation and expression?
  
8. What are you excited to learn about in this new series?

## PRAYER REQUESTS

*It is not the fact that we are united in common goals or purposes that makes us a community. Rather, it is the fact that we share a common life in Christ. There are many organizations, both secular and Christian, whose members work together to pursue common goals. Some of these groups may call themselves communities. But biblical community goes much deeper than sharing common goals, though it ultimately involves that. Biblical community is first of all the sharing of a common life in Christ. It is when we grasp this truth that we are in a position to begin to understand true community.*

~ Jerry Bridges, *True Community: The Biblical Practice of Koinonia* ~