

BETTER TOGETHER

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*Stay alert! Watch out for your great enemy, the devil.
He prowls around like a roaring lion, **looking for someone to devour.***

1 Peter 5:8 (NLT)

God never intended for any of us to live the Christian life **alone.
That's why **fellowship** is not an option, it is a **spiritual necessity!****

Fellowship is:

The mutual sharing of the life of Christ among believers.

Koinonia means:

To share or hold in common.

*All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, and to **fellowship**, and to **sharing in meals** (including the Lord's Supper), and to prayer. A deep sense of awe came over them all, and the apostles performed many miraculous signs and wonders.*

*And all the believers **met together** in one place and **shared everything they had.** They sold their property and possessions and **shared the money** with those in need.*

*They **worshiped together** at the Temple each day, **met in homes** for the Lord's Supper, and **shared their meals** with great joy and generosity—all the while praising God and enjoying the goodwill of all the people. And each day the Lord added to their **fellowship** those who were being saved. **Acts 2:42-47 (NLT)***

How do we experience true Fellowship?

1. God requires that we have fellowship with **HIM.**

*God is faithful, who has called you **into fellowship** with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **1 Corinthians 1:9 (NIV)***

*That I may know Him and the power of His resurrection and the **fellowship of His sufferings**, being conformed to His death. **Philippians 3:10 (NASB)***

*If we say that we have **fellowship with Him** and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth; but if we walk in the Light as He Himself is in the Light, we have **fellowship with one another**, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin. **1 John 1:6-7 (NASB)***

*Do not be **yoked together** with unbelievers. For what do righteousness and wickedness have in common? Or what **fellowship** can light have with darkness? What **harmony** is there between Christ and Belial? Or what does a believer have **in common** with an unbeliever? **2 Corinthians 6:14-15 (NIV)***

2. God requires that we have fellowship with OTHERS.

*As iron sharpens iron, so one person **sharpens** another.
Proverbs 27:17 (NIV)*

3. God requires that we have fellowship with A CHURCH.

The church is not a **place, it's a **people**.**

*And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, **not neglecting to meet together**, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.
Hebrews 10:24-25 (ESV)*