



**Sunday May 23, 2021**  
**Koinonia**

Acts 2:42-47

42 And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers.

43 Then fear came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles.

44 Now all who believed were together, and had all things in common,

45 and sold their possessions and goods, and divided them among all, as anyone had need.

46 So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart,

47 praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.

Vs 42: fellowship = koinonia

Vs 44: all things common, common = koinos

**KOINONIA (FELLOWSHIP) IS FRIENDSHIP, SHARING, AND PARTNERSHIP.**

Friendship – knowing each other better through relationship

Sharing – Some of what I have I give to you, some of what you have you give to me

Partnership – co-working or participation in what you do

Koinonia (Fellowship) is not unidirectional, but bidirectional.

**KOINONIA (FELLOWSHIP) RESULTS IN GROWTH AND GLORY**

Koinonia (Fellowship) results in mutual growth and enrichment.

Acts 2:47 praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.

Koinonia (Fellowship) paves the way for the release of the glory of God.

Acts 2:43 Then fear came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles.

**HOW IS KOINONIA EXPRESSED?**



## **#1, KOINONIA IS EXPRESSED THROUGH GIVING TO THE NEEDS OF GOD'S PEOPLE**

2 Corinthians 8:3-4

3 For I bear witness that according to their ability, yes, and beyond their ability, they were freely willing,

4 imploring us with much urgency that we would receive the gift and the fellowship of the ministering to the saints.

## **#2, KOINONIA IS EXPRESSED THROUGH RECOGNIZING AND HONORING THE GRACE AND CALLING OF GOD**

Galatians 2:9

and when James, Cephas, and John, who seemed to be pillars, perceived the grace that had been given to me, they gave me and Barnabas the right hand of fellowship, that we should go to the Gentiles and they to the circumcised.

## **#3, KOINONIA IS EXPRESSED THROUGH GIVING FINANCIALLY TO THOSE IN THE MINISTRY**

Philippians 1:5

for your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now,

Philippians 4:15-16

15 Now you Philippians know also that in the beginning of the gospel, when I departed from Macedonia, no church shared with me concerning giving and receiving but you only.

16 For even in Thessalonica you sent aid once and again for my necessities.

## **#4, KOINONIA IS EXPRESSED THROUGH CHOOSING UNITY**

Philippians 2:1-2

1 Therefore if there is any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and mercy,

2 fulfill my joy by being like-minded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind.

## **#5, KOINONIA IS EXPRESSED THROUGH RECOGNIZING EACH OTHER'S IDENTITY IN CHRIST**

Philemon 1:6



that the sharing of your faith may become effective by the acknowledgment of every good thing which is in you in Christ Jesus.

## **SOME THINGS TO AVOID IN KOINONIA**

### ***Spiritual***

#### **1, AVOID BEING CONTROLLED THROUGH SPIRITUAL MEANS IN KOINONIA**

This is called 'witchcraft'.

2 Corinthians 1:24

Not that we have dominion over your faith, but are fellow workers for your joy; for by faith you stand.

#### **2, AVOID BEING ROBBED OF YOUR MIND THROUGH SPIRITUAL MEANS IN KOINONIA**

THE GOD WHO CALLED US TO WALK BY FAITH ALSO GAVE US OUR ABILITY TO REASON

Romans 12:2

And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

### ***Natural***

#### **1, AVOID FEEDING INTO OTHER'S LAZINESS IN THE NAME OF KOINONIA**

2 Thessalonians 3:10-12

10 For even when we were with you, we commanded you this: If anyone will not work, neither shall he eat.

11 For we hear that there are some who walk among you in a disorderly manner, not working at all, but are busybodies.

12 Now those who are such we command and exhort through our Lord Jesus Christ that they work in quietness and eat their own bread.

#### **2, AVOID PARTAKING OF OTHER PEOPLES' SINS IN THE NAME OF KOINONIA**

1 Timothy 5:20-22

20 Those who are sinning rebuke in the presence of all, that the rest also may fear.

21 I charge you before God and the Lord Jesus Christ and the elect angels that you observe these things without prejudice, doing nothing with partiality.



22 Do not lay hands on anyone hastily, nor share in other people's sins; keep yourself pure.

## **PRAYER**

### **SALVATION CALL**

The GOSPEL (Good News) in brief.

Here is how we RECEIVE the Good News for our personal lives.

We make it a simple A,B,C,D. We must:

*ACKNOWLEDGE*: our sin, the consequences of our sin, and our need for a Savior

*BELIEVE*: in Jesus Christ, in who He is and what He has done on the Cross, personally

*CONFESS*: Jesus Christ as the Lord and Savior of our lives

*DECIDE*: to follow Jesus Christ as His disciple for the rest of our lives



LIFE GROUP STUDY GUIDE

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The following is a simple guide for use in Life Group discussions. Our objective is to focus on the application of the Sunday sermon - how each one is becoming a doer of the Word and building their life on God's Holy Word. The Life Group meeting would normally last for 2 hours. Each Life Group would have up to 12-15 people.

### **Preparation**

To prepare for the Life Group meeting, you can listen to the Sermon Key Points (sermon summary in five minutes) or the full-length Sunday sermon. You can also review the Sunday Sermon notes. All these are available in the "All Peoples Church Bangalore" mobile App or online at [apcwo.org/sermons](http://apcwo.org/sermons). Pray for the Life Group meeting and invite the work and ministry of the Holy Spirit.

### **Welcome**

The Life Group meeting may commence with a time of prayer, worship, and a fun activity.

### **LISTEN to God's Word**

Read the following Scripture passages: Acts 2:42-47; Philippians 2:1-2; Philemon 1:6

### **INVESTIGATE God's Word Together**

Please discuss a few of these together, giving time for people to share their insights. We encourage each one individually to make notes of their personal learning during the Group discussion.

*#1, Discuss the three aspects of koinonia (Christian fellowship) – friendship, sharing and partnership - that were highlighted? How could believers in a local church community practice this, especially in the current situation of pandemic related lockdown restrictions?*

*#2, Discuss the 5 ways observed in Scripture, on how koinonia is expressed? Consider some practical ways your Life Group can put these into action, in the current scenario.*

*#3, We also discussed a few dangers to avoid, that usually happen on the pretext of koinonia. How would one recognize if these are taking place in their life, so they can prevent or step out of these dangers?*



If time permits, each one takes a few (3 minutes max) to share one or two key learning and how they see themselves applying it into their specific life situations. Encourage each one to participate and share.

**FELLOWSHIP by sharing your life and spiritual journey.**

Each one takes a few (3 minutes max) to share anything from their walk with God, something God has been teaching them, a testimony of answered prayer or a specific challenge that they would like prayer for. Encourage each one to participate and share.

**ENCOURAGE each other by praying and ministering to one another.**

Get into small groups of two or three and take turns to thank God and pray for each other in the light of what was learnt today. Listen to the Holy Spirit. Expect the gifts of the Holy Spirit to flow bringing healing, releasing miracles, prophecy, etc.

Regroup and pray together for:

*1, families to be protected and strengthened.*

*2, a mighty outpouring of God's Holy Spirit on us as a church and through us to bless many others in our city and nation. Nothing but a mighty work of God's Spirit can change our city and nation.*

*3, for the BUILD TO IMPACT project - for God's hand to guide us through the land search and acquisition process, and for finances to be more than enough to get this project done.*

Close by thanking God together.



USEFUL RESOURCES

Watch our online Sunday Church service live stream every Sunday at 10:30am (Indian Time, GMT+5:30). Spirit filled, anointed worship, Word and ministry for healing, miracles, and deliverance.

**YOUTUBE:** <https://youtube.com/allpeopleschurchbangalore>

**WEBSITE:** <https://apcwo.org/live>

Our other websites and free resources:

**CHURCH:** <https://apcwo.org>

**FREE SERMONS:** <https://apcwo.org/resources/sermons>

**FREE BOOKS:** <https://apcwo.org/books/english>

**DAILY DEVOTIONALS:** <https://apcwo.org/resources/daily-devotional>

**JESUS CHRIST:** <https://examiningjesus.com>

**BIBLE COLLEGE:** <https://apcbiblecollege.org>

**E-LEARNING:** <https://apcbiblecollege.org/elearn>

**WEEKEND SCHOOLS:** <https://apcwo.org/ministries/weekend-schools>

**COUNSELING:** <https://chrysalislife.org>

**MUSIC:** <https://apcmusic.org>

**MINISTERS FELLOWSHIP:** <https://pamfi.org>

**CHURCH APP:** <https://apcwo.org/app>

**CHURCHES:** <https://apcwo.org/ministries/churches>

**WORLD MISSIONS:** <https://apcworldmissions.org>