

Doing L.I.F.E. Together, Part 4
Fellowship
Acts 2:37-47

- I. What Fellowship (In Context) Is Not
 - A. It is not just spending time together
 - B. It is not the consumption of food
 - C. It is not the practice of hobbies or similar interests
- II. What Is Biblical Fellowship?
 - A. Definitions
 - 1. Close association
 - 2. Participation
 - 3. Close relationship
 - 4. Partnership
 - 5. Communion
 - 6. Occasionally – contribution
 - B. It carries with it the sense of all the elements of an intimate and deeply interconnected relationship – much like what would be found in a marriage or family setting
 - C. This sort of fellowship stems from the “common union” that is held by all believers. We are able to do life together because of the bond we find in Jesus and His gospel
- III. Understanding Fellowship In The Larger Biblical Context
 - A. In the life of Jesus and by extension God
 - 1. In salvation (1 Corinthians 1:9)
 - 2. In His sufferings (Philippians 2:1)
 - 3. With the Father and the Son (1 John 1:3, 6)
 - B. With one another

- 1. Acts 2:42
- 2. Galatians 2:9
- 3. 1 John 1:3, 7
- C. In the Spirit and in Faith
 - 1. 2 Corinthians 13:14
 - 2. Philippians 3:10
 - 3. Philemon 6
- D. Participation in the Gospel (Philippians 1:5)
- E. Sharing in the work and in the Lord’s Table
 - 1. 1 Corinthians 10:16
 - 2. Hebrews 13:16