

Discussion Questions for Sunday, September 13, 2015

ACTS: The Story of Christ's Work Continues

[His Work 1:1 - His Witnesses 1:8 - His Purposes 13:36]

The First Church, Part 2: Fellowship (Acts 2:41-47)

Review and Discuss...

1. Fellowship Basics

The Greek word for fellowship is Koinonia... Having something in common. Participation. Sharing. Giving.

Koinōnia...19 times in NT. Common sharing in something greater than ourselves.

True Christian fellowship involves common sharing in Christ and common caring for His Church.

1 John 1:3 "that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ."

While we are POSITIONALLY in the same fellowship in Christ as all believers, we primarily EXPERIENCE ongoing fellowship with those we are in close relationship with.

As you faithfully follow Jesus, your relationships should reflect the fellowship you have in Christ with all CHRISTIANS. That will most likely be with a relatively small group of people.

2. Fellowship Builders

(Group leaders, go off your notes and everything you remember and anything you want to add in!)

Unity.

Generosity.

Inclusivity.

Honesty.

3. Fellowship Breakers

Sin and all its offspring...such as...

4. Ultimate Fellowship

The Triune God Himself. Our perfect example of true fellowship.

The fellowship of the Spirit is vastly different than the natural affections and affinities that draw us to certain people. It smashes all barriers. It goes beyond personality and natural attraction.

The power that God has to subject all things to Himself radically enables people who would never get along outside the church to thrive in Gospel-Changed relationship.

Goes beyond natural ability and fleshly desires to a place that only God can bring about. Forging a community that only God could build.