

## To-Do in 2025: Be Together

### Key Scriptures:

**1 John 1:3-7** <sup>3</sup> that which we have seen and heard we declare to you, that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup> And these things we write to you that your joy may be full. <sup>5</sup> This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all. <sup>6</sup> If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. <sup>7</sup> But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

NET **2 Peter 1:4** Through these things he has bestowed on us his precious and most magnificent promises, so that by means of what was promised you may become partakers of the divine nature, after escaping the worldly corruption that is produced by evil desire.

**Acts 2:42-47** <sup>42</sup> And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. <sup>43</sup> And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. <sup>44</sup> And all who believed were together and had all things in common. <sup>45</sup> And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. <sup>46</sup> And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, <sup>47</sup> praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

**Proverbs 18:1** A man who isolates himself seeks his own desire; He rages against all wise judgment.

NET **Proverbs 27:17** As iron sharpens iron, so a person sharpens his friend.

**Key Point:** We must purposefully spend time together in fellowship, not just hanging out, but walking with God . . . together!

## TALK IT OVER

**Start talking:** Pick a conversation starter for your group.

- What is the difference between fellowship in the Christian understanding, and just spending time together with friends?

**Steps of faith:** Reflect on your recent walk with Christ.

- Share with the group a step of faith you recently took, or someone else's step of faith that has been encouraging or inspiring to you.

**Reflect, Think, & Share:** Read through the key scriptures and share any observations or questions with the group.

- Fellowship/Koinonia: A relationship characterized by shared interest and unity; a common bond through sharing; partaking in a common partnership. Most often it refers to common interests. In what ways do believers have fellowship with each other?
- Stanley Toussaint believed that between the four essentials of the Christian life, (Bible study, prayer, fellowship and witnessing), the most important was fellowship. Do you agree? Why or why not?
- In what ways have you noticed our advances in technology and cultural changes pushing fellowship to the margins?
- In 2 Peter 1:4, the word "partakers" is Koinonia/fellowship. How does being a partaker of the divine nature change us? (our appetites, perspectives, lifestyles etc.)
- In what way is walking in the light (1 John 1:6-7) a good description of fellowship? What is the requirement of fellowship according to this passage?
- From Acts 2:42-47, list as many things as you can see in the text that describes Christian community. What stands out most about their life and priorities? Why?
- What do the two proverbs listed teach us about the need for fellowship?
- How does the Trinity serve as a model for fellowship?
- Kyle listed four things that keep people from fellowship: sin, time demands, laziness, & fear. Do you struggle with any of these or others? How can you overcome it?

**Start doing:** In what ways do you need to adjust your schedule, energy, and finances to engage in real fellowship? Where do you need to adjust?

**Prayer Requests.** Take some time to pray together. Use the key scriptures as a guide in praying the scriptures back to God.

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