



A Spiritually Bonded Community

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Exploring *Koinonia*:

1. *Koinonia* is a **thing**.
2. *Koinonia* is translated to mean something that is **shared**, contributed, and **participated** in.
3. *Koinonia* is **expressed** in various passages in the New Testament.
4. *Koinonia* is the word that describes a spiritually **bonded** and **unified** community.

How Do We Become this Kind of Community?

1. We need to have the right **perspective**.
 - a. We are united in **Christ**.
 - b. We united in **purpose**!
2. We need to be **present**!
3. We need to come with the right **posture**!
4. Be ready to engage in the community through meaningful **practices**.

Discussion Questions:

1. How has your understanding of fellowship changed as a result of this message?
2. What can be the barriers that hinder a church from experiencing koinonia?
3. What can be done to address those barriers?
4. If we are transformed by the renewing of our mind, how does your thinking need to change in order for you to more fully engage in biblical fellowship?
5. What do you perceive your gifts to be that can bless the church?
6. What action are you going to do as a result of the message?

Next Steps:

1. If you would like to become a follower of Jesus, please let us know. Pastor Jon will be in the room behind the Welcome Center after the service.
2. If you are interested in baptism, let Pastor Jon know in person or email him at pj@fbclowell.org.
3. Consider joining an elective. They meet most Sundays at 11am.
4. Read the Bible with us to know God and respond to Him! Below is our current schedule.

January 2023 Two Year Bible Reading Plan				
Week 1 <i>Starting Jan 2</i>	Week 2 <i>Starting Jan 9</i>	Week 3 <i>Starting Jan 16</i>	Week 4 <i>Starting Jan 23</i>	Week 5 <i>Starting Jan 30</i>
Day 1: Lam. 3	Day 1: Eze. 9-10	Day 1: Eze. 18-19	Day 1: Eze. 26-27	Day 1: Eze. 34-35
Day 2: Lam. 4-5	Day 2: Eze. 11-12	Day 2: Eze. 20	Day 2: Eze. 28	Day 2: Eze. 36-37
Day 3: Eze. 1-3	Day 3: Eze. 13-15	Day 3: Eze. 21-22	Day 3: Eze. 29-30	Day 3: Eze. 38
Day 4: Eze. 4-6	Day 4: Eze. 16	Day 4: Eze. 23	Day 4: Eze. 31-32	Day 4: Eze. 39-40
Day 5: Eze. 7-8	Day 5: Eze. 17	Day 5: Eze. 24-25	Day 5: Eze. 33	Day 5: Eze. 41

"I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules."
-Ezekiel 36:25-27

What are you going to do as a result of the message this morning?