

## DEVELOP THE HABIT OF FELLOWSHIP

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*“All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles teaching, and to fellowship, and to sharing in meals (including the Lord’s Supper), and to prayer.”*  
(Acts 2:42, NLT)

*“They worshipped together at the Temple each day, met in homes for the Lord’s Supper, and shared their meals with great joy and generosity all while praising God and enjoying the goodwill of all people. And each day the Lord added to their fellowship those who were being saved.”* (Acts 2:46-47, NLT)

1. Fellowship is important because I belong in God’s family with other believers
  - a. *“But to all who did receive Him, who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.”*  
(John 1:12-13, ESV)
  - b. *“The man is like a watch which has a new mainspring, not a mere face and hands repaired, but new inward machinery, with freshly adjusted works, which act to a different time and tune; and whereas he went wrong before, now he goes right, because he is right within.”*  
*-Charles Spurgeon*
2. Fellowship is important because we all need encouragement to grow spiritually
  - a. *“Iron sharpens iron, and one man sharpens another.”*  
(Proverbs 27:17, ESV)
3. Fellowship is important in our relationship with God
  - a. *“We proclaim to you that we ourselves have actually seen and heard so that you may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son, Jesus Christ.”* (1 John 1:3, NLT)

- b. *“We are writing these things so that you may fully share our joy.”*  
(1 John 1:4, NLT)
- c. *“Create in me a clean heart, Oh God. Renew a loyal Spirit within me. Don’t banish me from your presence, and don’t take your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the JOY of your salvation.”*  
(Psalm 51:10-12, NLT)
- d. *“then we can have fellowship with each other, and the blood of Jesus, His Son, cleanses us from all sin.”* (1 John 3:7, NLT)

*“Dear brothers and sisters, the longing of my heart and my prayer to God is for the people of Israel to be saved.”* (Romans 10:1, NLT)