



the
blessing & challenge
of
fellowship



the
reality
of our fellowship



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.



κοινωνία
koinonia

“communion”
community



sin
breaks fellowship
with God



Jesus Christ
restores fellowship
with God



In Christ
we have fellowship
with each other



challenges
to fellowship



modernity

ancient world

VS.

modern world



technology

*the positive
and
the negative*



the need for
presence



And the Word became flesh
and **dwelt among us**,
and we have seen his glory,
glory as of the only Son from
the Father, full of grace
and truth.



In him you also are being built together into a **dwelling place for God by the Spirit.**

Ephesians

2:22



But since we were torn away from you, brothers, for a short time, in person not in heart, we endeavored the more eagerly and with great desire **to see you face to face**

1 Thessalonians 2:17-18



as we pray most earnestly night
and day that we may **see you**
face to face and supply what is
lacking in your faith

1 Thessalonians

3:10



As I remember your tears,
I long to see you, that I may
be filled with joy.



Behold, the dwelling place of
God is with man.

He will dwell with them,
and they will be his
people, and **God himself will**
be with them as their God



experiencing
fellowship



*we are drawn into
community by*
**shared
interest, belief,
experience**



the more
powerful
the
experience

the more
intense
the
fellowship



fostering
fellowship



participate
in church activities



stay and talk
to one another



spend time
together



develop *relationships*



Two are better than one,
because they have a good
reward for their toil.

Ecclesiastes

4:9-12



For if they fall, one will lift up
his fellow. But woe to him who
is alone when he falls and has
not another to lift him up!

Ecclesiastes

4:9-12



Again, if two lie together, they
keep warm, but how can one
keep warm alone?

Ecclesiastes

4:9-12



And though a man might
prevail against one who is
alone, two will withstand
him—a threefold cord is not
quickly broken.

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