

## 1 Corinthians 12:27

*Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.*

### Building the Walls to the Church

- Wall #1: \_\_\_\_\_ Wall
- Wall #2: \_\_\_\_\_ Wall

### TODAY'S FOCUS PASSAGES

#### Acts 2:42-47 (NIV)

*They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to **fellowship (Koinonia)**, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. <sup>43</sup> Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. <sup>44</sup> All the believers were together and had everything in common. <sup>45</sup> They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. <sup>46</sup> Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, <sup>47</sup> praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.*

#### Acts 4:32-37 (NASB)

*And the congregation of those who believed were of one heart and soul; and not one of them claimed that anything belonging to him was his own, but all things were common property to them. <sup>33</sup> And with great power the apostles were giving testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and abundant grace was upon them all. <sup>34</sup> For there was not a needy person among them, for all who were owners of land or houses would sell them and bring the proceeds of the sales <sup>35</sup> and lay them at the apostles' feet, and they would be distributed to each to the extent that any had need. <sup>36</sup> Now Joseph, a Levite of Cyprian birth, who was also called Barnabas by the apostles (which translated means Son of Encouragement), <sup>37</sup> owned a tract of land. So he sold it, and brought the money and laid it at the apostles' feet.*

### Definition of a Koinonia Church

\_\_\_\_\_ — \_\_\_\_\_ — \_\_\_\_\_  
**with Christ and his people**

How is this lived out in a church?

- Devotion to \_\_\_\_\_
- Fellowship with the \_\_\_\_\_
- Life \_\_\_\_\_
- Joyful \_\_\_\_\_
- Unified \_\_\_\_\_

**What difference does it make to be a koinonia church or not?**

# Digging Deeper

1. Billy talked about four different kinds of churches we often see built. (5 minutes)

- What were they?
- Do you recognize any of them? Where have you seen them?
- What are positives and negatives of each of these? Do you see any others?

2. As a group, read Acts 2:42-47. (10 minutes)

- Do we have this today? If not, why not? (Discuss the reasons that come to mind.)

3. Read Acts 4:32-37. (10 minutes)

- What similarities are there between this passage and the Acts 2 story we read today? Today's focus was the beginning construction of the "Koinonia" Wall to God's Church.

4. Talk through the simple definition we gave for Koinonia, discussing carefully what each part of this means and how it should be applied in our church. (10 minutes)

**Shared — Covenant — Communion with Christ and His People**

5. Why do you think we (the Christian community as a whole) often struggle with having this kind of depth in relationships today? What are some of the things that hinder us? (10 minutes)

6. What aspect of life in the early church do you most desire for yourself? For your family? For this group? For our church? (10 minutes)

7. How could you help your family and church develop a stronger Koinonia? (5 minutes)

**Spend some time praying for one another and for our church family.**

## PERSONAL FOLLOW-UP STUDY

- Using a Bible concordance or internet search, find the places in the New Testament that use the word "fellowship" (Koinonia).
- Spend some time examining the context of each of these instances and what they say to our building the Koinonia Wall.

## READING AHEAD FOR NEXT WEEK

What do these passages say about Koinonia?

- Philippians 2:1-11
- 2 Corinthians 9:6-15
- Romans 12