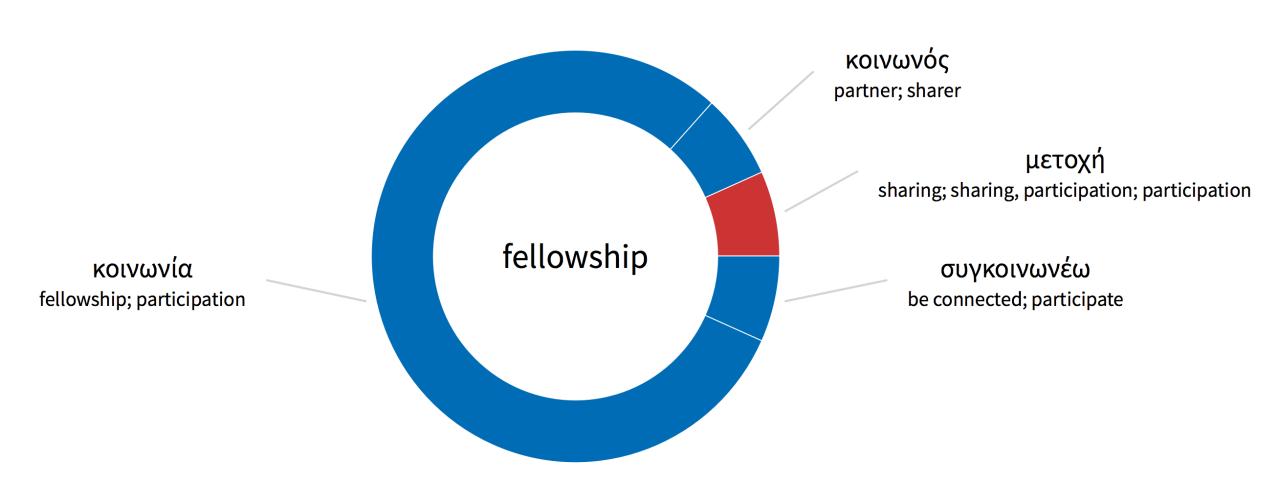
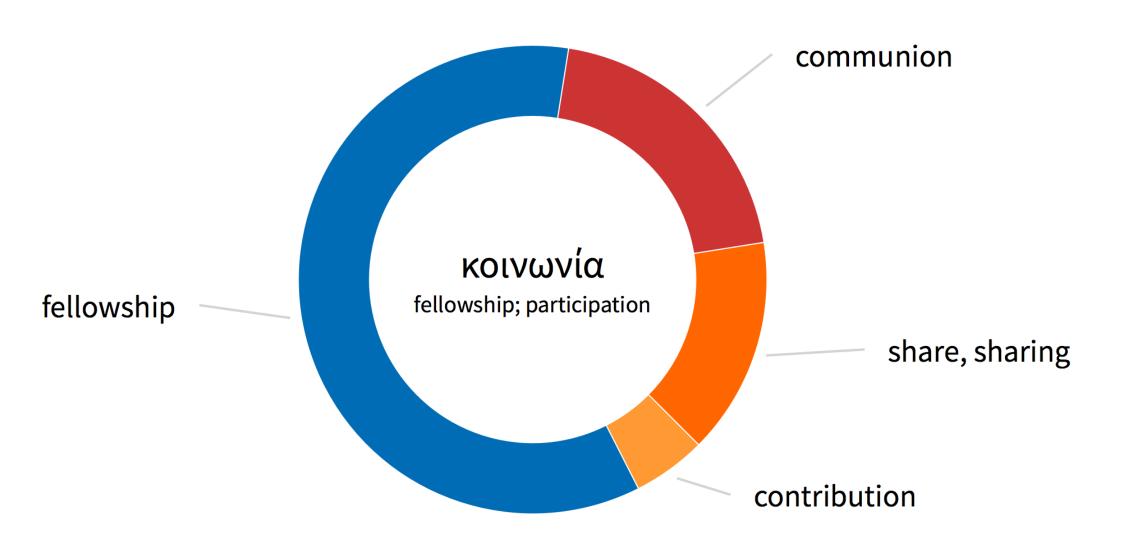
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(Acts 2:42)





## FELLOWSHIP = INTIMATE ASSOCIATION WITH GOD

- 1 Corinthians 1:9 God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
- 1 Corinthians 10:16 The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ?

Philippians 3:10 that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death,

## FELLOWSHIP = PARTNERSHIP WITH MAN

Gal 2:9 and when James, Cephas, and John, who seemed to be pillars, perceived the grace that had been given to me, they gave me and Barnabas the right hand of fellowship, that we should go to the Gentiles and they to the circumcised.

Philippians 1:3 I thank my God upon every remembrance of you, <sup>4</sup> always in every prayer of mine making request for you all with joy, <sup>5</sup> for your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now,

## FELLOWSHIP = CONTRIBUTING TO A SHARED WORK

Romans 15:26 For it pleased those from Macedonia and Achaia to make a certain contribution for the poor among the saints who are in Jerusalem.

1 John 1:6 If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth.

# **1 Corinthians 11:17–22**

# Conduct at the Lord's Supper

<sup>17</sup> Now in giving these instructions I do not praise you, since you come together not for the better but for the worse. 18 For first of all, when you come together as a church, I hear that there are divisions among you, and in part I believe it. 19 For there must also be factions among you, that those who are approved may be recognized among you. 20 Therefore when you come together in one place, it is not to eat the Lord's Supper. 21 For in eating, each one takes his own supper ahead of others; and one is hungry and another is drunk. 22 What! Do you not have houses to eat and drink in? Or do you despise the church of God and shame those who have nothing? What shall I say to you? Shall I praise you in this? I do not praise you.



# THIS IS A NEW PHENOMENON!!!

- No fellowship halls until last hundred years
- A part of the movement to make church about the curing of social ills
- A way to grow the church due to religious disinterest
- Nobody cared about the food, but instead, the church work
- \$50,000 kitchens, family life centers, and building add-ons were a HUGE change.
- What we do is historically normal. The social gospel is the historical oddity.

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- 1. There is no indication that the word fellowship was ever meant to refer to social gatherings of Christians.
- 2.We see clear warnings in the church about placing emphasis upon common meals, eating, drinking, etc.
- 3.The "social" gospel is a new movement traced back to the 20<sup>th</sup> century... but no further. We don't need new ways; we need Bible ways.