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## **A Koinonia Check-Up**

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**Acts 2:42-47** <sup>42</sup>They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. <sup>43</sup>A sense of awe came over everyone, and the apostles performed many wonders and signs. <sup>44</sup>All the believers were together and had everything in common. <sup>45</sup>Selling their possessions and goods, they shared with anyone who was in need. <sup>46</sup>With one accord they continued to meet daily in the temple courts and to break bread from house to house, sharing their meals with gladness and sincerity of heart, <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. (BSB)

**Intro:** The American church has a Koinonia problem. Koinonia is spiritual fellowship and it is the opposite of loneliness.

The church already does many of the things that address loneliness. Some of these are even things that doctors might be prescribing post-pandemic, like group singing (which makes people feel happier and closer), community service, being part of a community that meets in person, having confidants/confessors, and having people you can call on in an emergency. (The Riddle of Church Loneliness | Christianity Today)

However, the statistics for loneliness are the same for church attending and non-church attending folks.

### **I. Here are the details of this passage.**

- A.** The early church had a deep **commitment** to the word of God. V. 42
- B.** They had deep spiritual fellowship (Koinonia). V. 42, 46 This included **every** aspect of their life.
- C.** They were practicing many types of **prayer**. V. 42
- D.** They had a healthy **fear** of God. V. 43
- E.** They saw **miracles** in their fellowship. V. 43
- F.** They were a **sharing** people. V. 44-45
- G.** They were people of **worship**. V. 47
- H.** They were people who had earned a good **reputation**. V. 47
- I.** They were **leading** many people to Jesus Christ. V. 48

### **II. How can we apply these truths to our Koinonia here?**

- A.** Each month we **feature** a verse or two and encourage everyone to try and store this up in their hearts.
- B.** We provide life together **opportunities** for everyone. Some of these include weekly Bible studies and weekly Sunday School classes. We also provide service opportunities and social events.
- C.** We have **monthly** prayer get togethers. We also have a prayer chain.
- D.** We practice godly **accountability** for our members.
- E.** We constantly seek God to **work** as He sees fit. There are so many positive answers to our prayers.
- F.** We are a very **giving** church. We constantly have outreach projects.

- G. We are a worshipful church.
- H. We can work on our reputation here in North Manchester. Many do not know anything about us. We do have a good reputation among those involved in our school system.
- I. We are learning to share our stories and we are seeing people come to Christ.