



Reflection and Discussion Guide - Week 1

1 John 1:3

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.

1. If someone asked you what fellowship is, what would you tell them?

2. Where does our desire for fellowship come from? Why is faith in Jesus essential to having fellowship with God? Read 1 John 1:6 and 1 John 4:20. What do these verses teach us about fellowship with God? Is it possible to have fellowship with other Christians if you don't have fellowship with God? Explain.

3. Read Acts 2:42-47. Discuss the following things that the early church had in common:
 - They shared a common faith (v. 42) -
 - They shared a common mission (v. 47) -
 - They shared their resources - (v. 45) -
 - They shared life together - (v. 46) -

How does this description of fellowship in the early church compare to what you've personally experienced with other Christians? What are some things that having this kind of fellowship with each other requires from us? What are some things that could hinder it?

Of the elements listed above, which one(s) do you find most challenging? Which ones do you feel are most present in your current relationships with other believers? Which ones are missing?

What is one practical thing that you can do to pursue this kind of fellowship?