

The Unique Nature of the Church

SERMON NOTES:

The church is unique in its _____ Scripture: _____

1. The Theological Aspects of “Koinonia”

- a. The word *koinonia* means: _____.
- b. *Koinonia Fellowship* is _____, it is not _____.

2. The Desirable Aspects of “Koinonia”

- a. It is fellowship with _____
 - i. 2 Peter 1:4; Genesis 3; 5:22; 6:9; James 2:23; Exodus 24; Psalm 16
- b. It is fellowship with _____
 - i. 1 Corinthians 1:9 – 1:5; 10:16; John 17:20,21; 13:35; Acts 2:42
 - ii. _____, as personal trust in Christ, produces a _____ with Christ that in turn forms a _____ among those who share the same faith in Him.
- c. It is fellowship with _____
 - i. Genesis 1; Titus 2:11-12; Rev 2:10; 1 Tim 3:15; Acts 2:38-47; Hebrews 10:25

3. The Undesirable Aspects of “Koinonia”

- a. The purpose of withdrawing fellowship from a brother is to _____
- b. 1 Cor 5:6, 10:20, 15:33, 16:13; 2 Cor 6:14-16; Tit 1:9-11; Eph 5:1

4. Application. Why does it matter to me? “Koinonia” is:

- a. 2 Corinthians 9:13 = _____
- b. Philippians 1:5 = _____
- c. Philippians 3:10 = _____
- d. Acts 2:42 = _____

DISCUSSION / THOUGHT QUESTIONS:

(Answer each question. Then, be prepared to discuss one or two during the Breakout Connections and to ponder the rest during the week. These are not arranged in any specific order and yes, there are more questions here than you will be able to answer in one session.)

1. Can deep, meaningful “Koinonia Fellowship” be developed by attending church for just one hour on Sunday mornings? Why, or why not? What is needed?
2. Are you actively participating in various fellowship activities at / with the church? Which ones? What do you do to foster fellowship with your brethren?
3. What are your ideas for developing, enhancing, or improving fellowship at MSCOC?
4. How can fellowship be incorporated into our evangelistic efforts?
5. How is koinonia fellowship expressed in, or related to, John 13:35?
6. Considering the characteristics of the unique nature of the church that we have studied recently, are you able to more clearly identify the one true church because of its fellowship? If so, explain.