

## For the Sake of Fellowship

Welcome back and Happy New Year! Tonight is our first service of 2026 and I want to start the year by reminding you why we are here and what our goals are! Obviously, I could say a lot, but the truth is we are here for fellowship and personal growth. If we do these well, we will excel in spiritual knowledge, we will walk in the works prepared for us and we will experience God's peace!

Our verse today is *Hebrews 10:24-25*. Most of us are familiar with it, because people use it to remind us when they don't see us at church gatherings.

***Hebrews 10:24-25*** <sup>24</sup> ***And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works,*** <sup>25</sup> ***not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.***

1) Let us \_\_\_\_\_ one another.

Consider: a) think carefully about something, typically before making a decision; b) look attentively at.

I consider each of you daily as I send out the morning scripture. It is one of the ways I fellowship with you.

Why do we do what we do here?

2) For the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_!

On Wednesday, New Year's Eve, Roy, Olivia, Dylan and Rose considered the day, and chose fellowship.

I cannot tell you how impressed I was and I am with this team.....

A perfect program, mixed with worship and prayer, food and games. The service was timely, there was a great handout, and they stayed within their time frame. They each had a role and I am in debt to them. I have always wanted a New Year's Eve service but just can't take on more. So, thank you!

Why did they do it? For the sake of fellowship.

3) We should \_\_\_\_\_ to be \_\_\_\_\_!

When I think of fellowship, I immediately go to Grace Notes Doctrine ----- not my idea but God's idea of fellowship for our church.

**Koinonia** is the Greek word for fellowship.

For Christian fellowship it is broken into four areas:

- Doctrine
- Fellowship
- Breaking of Bread
- Prayer

We study this often in our Discipleship Class [Doctrine].

I usually ask people: *How are we doing?* Not for a pat on the back but for their *edification*. We see fellowship in action here at Face of Grace.

4) You can make \_\_\_\_\_ a \_\_\_\_\_.

I know things come up, But we often forsake the fellowship for the things of the world. It's a choice. I am not judging or being critical. I am simply making a factual statement. Only you can prioritize fellowship.

How do we know what our priorities are?

**Hebrews 10:24-25** (see page 1)

5) Consider one another to stir up \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ !

It is almost like our being together brings to the top our love for each other and our desire to serve.

***Iron sharpens iron!***

Things to consider:

- a) We are opening a new unit over the next 8 weeks. I will be meeting with interested parties next Saturday and we will set our timeline.
- b) Visitation: If you would like to help with this let me start a list.....
- c) We are starting our Fall/Spring sermon series in March
- d) Offer to do your testimony.

Why? For the Sake of Fellowship.

I am very tired and worn out. But I am also very excited about the year ahead.

Thank you for loving me.

My prayer is that you make fellowship your priority this year.

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