



- **KOINONIA:** fellowship, sharing in common, partnership, (literally), participation.

FOUR AREAS GOD CALLS YOU AND ME TO “PARTICIPATE” IN.

#1 - _____ - BECAUSE WE SHARE THE SAME _____ .

...be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ." ³⁷ When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said... "Brothers, what shall we do?" ⁴¹ Those who accepted his message were baptized, and... ⁴²They devoted themselves to... fellowship...
Acts 2:36-42 NIV

We are telling you about what we ourselves have actually seen and heard, so that you may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. **1 John 1:3 NLT**

God knew what he was doing from the very beginning. He decided from the outset to shape the lives of those who love him along the same lines as the life of his Son. **Romans 8:29 MP**

#2 - _____ - WE ARE CALLED TO SHARE OUR _____ .

The believers shared a common purpose, and every day they spent much of their time together in the Temple area. They also ate together in their homes. They were happy to share their food and ate with joyful hearts. **Acts 2:46 ERV**

We loved you so much that we were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God but our lives as well, because you had become so dear to us. **1 Thessalonians 2:8 NIV**

- We share the _____ .

The group of followers all felt the same way.... None of them claimed that their possessions were their own, and they shared everything they had with each other. **Acts 2:44 CEV**

Everyone had as much as they needed. Some believers had land or houses, which belonged to them. They sold those things and then they took the

money to the apostles. ³⁵ Then the apostles gave the money to any of the believers who needed it. **Acts 4:34, 35 EASY**

- We share the _____ .

All the believers met together constantly... **Acts 2:44a (LB)**

Let us not give up the habit of meeting together... **Hebrews 10:25a TEV**

- We share the _____ .

Share each other's troubles and problems. **Galatians 6:2 NLT**

... Instead, let us encourage one another... **Hebrews 10:25b TEV**

#3 - _____ - WE ARE CALLED TO SHARE THE _____ .

Things were going well, and the number of disciples was growing. But a problem arose. The Greek-speaking believers became frustrated with the Hebrew-speaking believers. The Greeks complained that the Greek-speaking widows were being discriminated against in the daily distribution of food. ² The twelve convened the entire community of disciples. We could solve this problem ourselves, but that wouldn't be right. We need to focus on proclaiming God's message, not on distributing food. ³ So, friends, find seven respected men from the community of faith. These men should be full of the Holy Spirit and full of wisdom. Whomever you select we will commission to resolve this matter ⁴ so we can maintain our focus on praying and serving—not meals—but the message. **Acts 6:1-4 VOICE**

We are partners working together for God. **1 Corinthians 3:9a TEV**

The whole Body is fitted together perfectly. As each part does its own special work, it helps the other parts grow, so that the whole Body is healthy and growing and full of love. **Ephesians 4:16 NLT**

#4 - _____ - WE ARE CALLED TO SHARE OUR _____ .

We know what real love is because Christ gave up His life for us. And so we also ought to give up our lives for our Christian brothers and sisters. ¹⁷ Suppose someone sees a brother or sister in need and is able to help them. And suppose that person doesn't take pity on these needy people. Then how can the love of God be in that person? **1 John 3:16, 17 NLT**

So I give you a new command: Love each other deeply and fully. Remember the ways that I have loved you, and demonstrate your love for others in those same ways. ³⁵ Everyone will know you as My followers if you demonstrate your love to others. **John 13:34-35 VOICE**

Additional Notes:

Reflecting on todays message...

What touched my heart?

What is God asking me to do?

What should I change this week?

Who else needs to hear this message?
