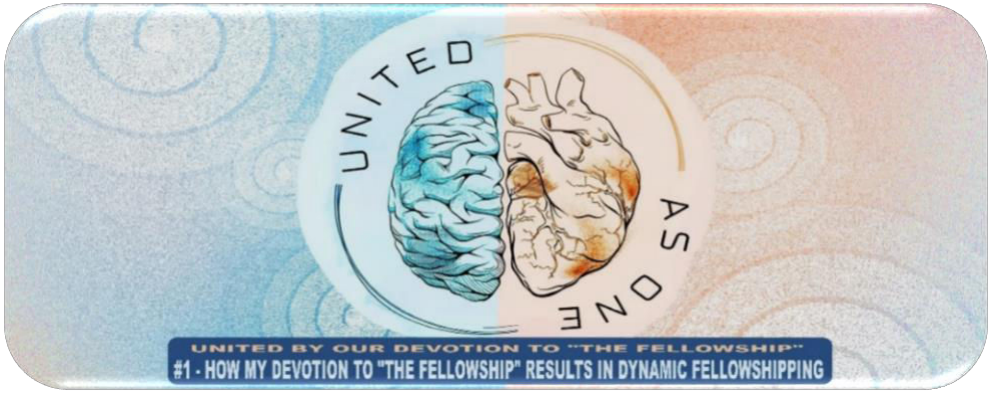

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. **Acts 2:42** NIV

And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and ***the fellowship****, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.* **Acts 2:42** ESV

- **Fellowship, Noun or Verb? _____**

  The Albert Schweitzer Fellowship

  Healthcare Christian Fellowship International

  International Fellowship of Reconciliation

- **Koinonia**: **fellowship, partnership, contribution, participation.**

…the believers were together. They shared everything they had. **Acts 2:44** NIRV

NOTE: Sharing _____ is difficult for one to whom sharing _____.

WHAT FORMED "THE FELLOWSHIP" AND THE DISCIPLES DEVOTION TO IT?

1. The Fellowship Springs from Devotion to _____.

- **The fellowship was initiated by its _____ not by its _____.**

This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. [11] *Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.* **1 John 4:10:11** NIV

God has made Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah. **Acts 2:36**

Those who accepted his message were baptized... about three thousand were added… **Acts 2:41**

- **Dynamic _____ results from _____ to King Jesus.**

Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. [31] *The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself*. **Mark 12:30**

- **The Church is God's _____, _____ fellowship.**

  _____ Surrender = Minimal Dynamic Fellowship

  _____ Surrender = Maximum Dynamic Fellowship.

  Apparent _____ issues are often actuality _____ issues.

2. The Fellowship Springs from Devotion to _____.

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching… **Acts 2:42a** NIV

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched…We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. **1 John 1:1–3** NIV

- **Christ's teachings determine what I _____ and how I _____.**

This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters. [17] *If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person?* [18] *Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.* **1 John 3:16-18** NIV

3. The Fellowship Springs from Devotion to _____.

Peter said much more to warn them. He urged, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." [41] *Those who accepted what Peter said were baptized. That day about 3,000 people were added to the group.* **Acts 2:40, 41** GW

Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, [20] *and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."* **Matthew 28:18-20** NIV

As the Father has sent Me, I am sending you. **John 20:21**

Go and make disciples… **Matthew 28:19**

A new command I give you: Love one another… By this everyone will know that you are My disciples. J**ohn 13:34–35**

NOTE: **When a church _____ its mission, it _____ "the fellowship."**

The Crossings will have dynamic fellowship to the degree that I devote myself.

1. **To a Shared Master** (the Lord Jesus) 1. 2. 3. 4. 5. **Devoted**
2. **To a Shared Mission** (loving others toward Jesus)
3. **To a Shared Measure** (Jesus and His apostles teaching)

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?