

“Fellowship” in the Bible

Acts 2:42

“They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.”

“Fellowship” - definition

Fellowship

Communion

Joint participation

Having a share

Community

“Fellowship”

“*THE fellowship*”

They had a deep, intimate fellowship;

They DEVOTED themselves to “the”
fellowship.

Conclusions from a word study of “Fellowship”

- A common practice
- Sharing was expected
- Implies an awareness of other's needs

Conclusions from a word study of “Fellowship”

- Caring relationships
- Deep Commitment to the body
- Commitment to the same goals

1 John 1:7

“If we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have **fellowship** with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.”

How to apply 1 John 1:7

1.

Obedience motivated
by love of Christ

How to apply 1 John 1:7

2.

Fellowship is possible by
being in fellowship with God.

How to apply 1 John 1:7

3.

Expect ! to have deep
relationships in the body

How to apply 1 John 1:7

4.

Participate in what the body

provides:

Communion for example

How to apply 1 John 1:7

5.

Be accountable to one another
– *to acknowledge we need the
help of the body.*