THE HUDDLE

Fellowship Definition: friendly association, especially with people who share one's interests.

Fellowship has no specific definition given to it within the New Testament; however, we are called into fellowship with one another (1 John 1:3), with Jesus (1 Cor. 1:9), with the Father (1 John 1:3), and with the Holy Spirit (2 Cor. 13:14). Fellowship implies sharing common interests, desires, and motivations.

Greek Word = KOINONIA – Christian Fellowship or communion with God or with fellow believers. Fellowship, association, community, communion, joint participation, intercourse.

Proverbs 27:17 "As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another."

John 17:23 "I in them and you in me—so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me."

- **1 Corinthians 1:9** "God is faithful, who has called you into **fellowship** with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord."
- **2 Corinthians 13:14** "May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the **fellowship** of the Holy Spirit be with you all."
- **1 John 1:3** "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 1:6** "If we claim to have **fellowship** with him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth."
- **1 John 1:7** "But 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."

Questions:

- 1) Describe in your own words the concept of Christian Fellowship? What are the characteristics of Christian Fellowship?
- 2) How does Christian Fellowship differ from worldly fellowship?
- 3) Describe a time in your life that you have experienced Christian Fellowship and the impact it had on you.
- 4) What are the benefits of Christian Fellowship? Explain!