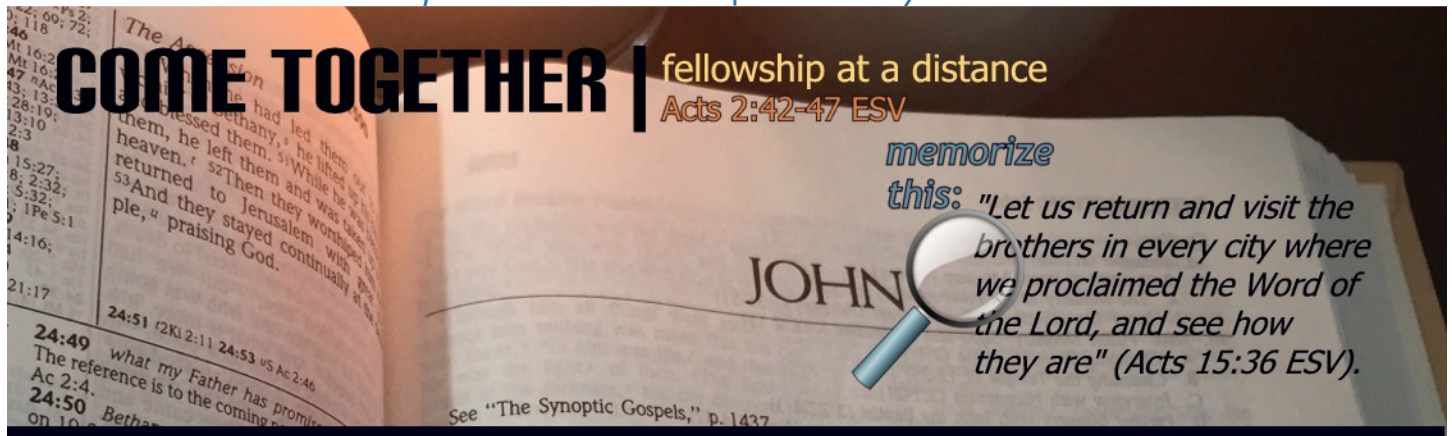


Lesson Three: Fellowship and the Father | Summary



points to ponder

Considering what you know about fellowship, how is it possible with someone you don't see?

words to wrangle

What image comes to your mind when you see yourself "walking with the Father?"

conclusions to consider

What changes about you when you have fellowship with the Father?

read the daily Bible verses at the KBS website

"And indeed our fellowship is with the Father, and with His Son Jesus Christ" (1 John 1:3 ESV).

One of the incredible reasons that God adopted us (Ephesians 1:5) into His family is for the opportunity to fellowship (1 Corinthians 1:9) with the God of creation.

Before His crucifixion, Jesus prayed (John 17) that His disciples would have the same relationship God that Jesus experienced throughout His existence. What does it mean to have that kind of unity and fellowship with the Father?

The Bible describes that fellowship with two distinct analogies. The first describes our fellowship with God as a walk. The image goes all the way back to the Garden of Eden with Adam and Eve walked with God in the cool of the evening.

What images come to mind when we describe a relationship as a walk?

The other symbol is just as stunning. The relationship that we have with the Father is seen as walking in the light (1 John 1:7). You walk differently in the light than you do in darkness, don't you?

Walking in the light describes the kind of walk that we should experience. It is contrasted against walking around in darkness." Proverbs tells us that the path of the just is as a shining light ... while the way of the wicked in as darkness (Proverbs 4:18-19).

God has promised that for those in His fellowship, He "will lead them in paths they have not known" and that He will "make darkness light before them, and make crooked things straight" (Isaiah 42:16).

How do these concepts add to your understanding of fellowship? How important is our fellowship with God to our fellowship with others?