

# Celebration and Worship

Sunday, November 26, 2006

## FOUR ESSENTIALS OF KOINONIA (FELLOWSHIP)

### 1. MY LOVE FOR GOD MUST BE MY \_\_\_\_\_ AND ALL-CONSUMING LOVE

*Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. (Mark 12:30 HCSB)*

#### **Demonstrated by obedience...**

*“If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word. My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him. The one who doesn’t love Me will not keep My words. The word that you hear is not Mine but is from the Father who sent Me.” (John 14:23-24 HCSB)*

#### **Expressed by loving others...**

*And we have this command from Him: the one who loves God must also love his brother. (1 John 4:21 HCSB)*

#### **There is a common vying for your first love...**

*Do not love the world or the things that belong to the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father is not in him. Because everything that belongs to the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride in one’s lifestyle—is not from the Father, but is from the world. And the world with its lust is passing away, but the one who does God’s will remains forever. (1 John 5:15-17 HCSB)*

### 2. MY LIFE MUST COME UNDER THE SOVEREIGN \_\_\_\_\_ OF CHRIST

*Jesus emptied Himself by assuming the form of a slave, taking on the likeness of men. And when He had come as a man in His external form, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death—even to death on a cross. For this reason God also highly exalted Him and gave Him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow— of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth—and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. (Philippians 2:7-11 HCSB)*

### 3. MY EXPERIENCES WITH GOD MUST BE \_\_\_\_\_ AND PERSONAL

*For My people have committed a double evil: They have abandoned Me, the fountain of living water, and dug cisterns for themselves, cracked cisterns that cannot hold water. (Jeremiah 2:13 HCSB)*

*“I am the vine; you are the branches. The one who remains in Me and I in him produces much fruit, because you can do nothing without Me. If anyone does not remain in Me, he is thrown aside like a branch and he withers.... If you remain in Me and My words remain in you, ask whatever you want and it will be done for you. (John 15:5-7 HCSB)*

**4. MY TRUST MUST BE \_\_\_\_\_ IN GOD**

*Woe to those who go down to Egypt for help and who depend on horses! They trust in the number of chariots and in the great strength of charioteers. They do not look to the Holy One of Israel and they do not seek the LORD’s help. (Isaiah 31:1 HCSB)*

*Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the LORD our God. (Psalm 20:7 NKJV)*

**Communion and Koinonia:**

1. Communion reminds you that you are God’s first and all-consuming love
2. Communion reveals that Jesus is the Servant Leader who willingly gave His life
3. Communion recalls the real and personal relationship Jesus has with you
4. Communion reinforces that our complete trust can be placed in Christ

*Now in giving the following instruction I do not praise you, since you come together not for the better but for the worse. For, to begin with, I hear that when you come together as a church there are divisions among you, and in part I believe it. (1 Corinthians 11:17-18; HCSB)*

*Jesus took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and said, “This is My body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of Me.” In the same way [He] also [took] the cup, after supper, and said, “This cup is the new covenant in My blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.” For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes. (1 Corinthians 11:24-26 HCSB)*

**Pastor’s Suggested Daily Bible Reading...**

<b>DAY</b>	<b>DAILY EXPERIENCE</b>
Monday	Unit 12, Day 1, <i>Experiencing God</i>
Tuesday	Unit 12, Day 2, <i>Experiencing God</i>
Wednesday	Unit 12, Day 3, <i>Experiencing God</i>
Thursday	Unit 12, Day 4, <i>Experiencing God</i>
Friday	Unit 12, Day 5, <i>Experiencing God</i>
Saturday	Hebrews 10:1-18
Sunday	Hebrews 10:19-39