



# Fellowship

**Main idea** Fellowship brings growth to our relationship with God.

**Warm-up** Describe three qualities you like in a friend.

## introduction

One of the time-honored Filipino trait is “pakikisama” (sense of cooperativeness). It’s being able to blend well with people from different background. It’s the Filipino version of “all for one, one for all”.

While “pakikisama” forges a deeper sense of camaraderie and friendship, this unique Filipino trait is also prone to abuse and manipulation, leaving people with a trail of disappointments, heartaches and frustrations at times.

If that’s the case, is it possible for man to find fellowship that seeks nothing but the growth and wellbeing of another person? What insight can we learn from the Bible?

## Message

***Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day. They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.***

***Everyone was filled with awe, and many wonders and miraculous signs were done by the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common.***

**Acts 2:41-42**

Since the first century, believers had been persecuted for their faith in Christ. Yet, instead of scattering in the face of fear and possible punishment or even death, their bond together grew stronger. And fellowship with one another helped strengthen their faith.

Fellowship can be easily defined as staying together, serving together and seeking God together. The common ground among believers is their relationship with God.

Because they share common faith, they grew in their relationship with God.

Let’s make it our lifestyle to stay, serve and seek God together with fellow believers.

### [Sample Illustration]

Share what happens to a red-hot coal separated from the rest burning coal...

***NOTE: You can share your testimony on how fellowship helped you grow in your relationship with God. Also you can probably use Hebrews 10:25 Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another — and all the more as you see the Day approaching.***

## challenge

***Growth in our relationship with God happens as we stay, serve and seek God with fellow believers.***

## Application Question

What did you learn from this lesson and how will you apply this in your life?