

Day 1: Stewardship as an Act of Faith

Our act of giving is a profound declaration of Jesus' lordship in our lives. It is not merely a financial transaction but a spiritual practice that reflects our trust in Him and our commitment to His kingdom. By acknowledging that all we have is from God, we become stewards of His gifts, using them to further His purposes on earth. This perspective transforms our giving from an obligation to an act of worship, where we joyfully participate in God's work and express our gratitude for His provision.

"Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." (2 Corinthians 9:7, ESV)

Reflection: What is one specific way you can practice cheerful giving this week, viewing it as an act of worship rather than obligation?

Day 2: Communion as a Celebration of Unity

Communion is a sacred practice that reminds us of Jesus' sacrifice and our unity in Him. It is an invitation to all who love Christ and seek to live in peace, offering a moment to confess our sins and receive forgiveness. This sacrament is a tangible expression of our shared faith and the grace we receive through Christ, reinforcing our fellowship with God and each other. As we partake in communion, we are reminded of the profound connection we have with fellow believers, united by the love and sacrifice of Jesus.

"For we, though many, are one bread and one body; for we all partake of that one bread." (1 Corinthians 10:17, ESV)

Reflection: How can you prepare your heart for the next communion service, focusing on unity with Christ and fellow believers?

Day 3: Jesus as the Divine Mediator

John emphasizes that Jesus is the "logos," the divine mediator who bridges the gap between God and humanity. This truth affirms Jesus' dual nature as fully divine and fully human, a reality witnessed by the apostles. Understanding Jesus as the "logos" is foundational to our faith, as it assures us that He is the bridge that connects us to God, enabling us to

experience true fellowship. This divine mediation is not just a theological concept but a living reality that transforms our relationship with God and each other.

"For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus." (1 Timothy 2:5, ESV)

Reflection: In what ways can you deepen your understanding of Jesus as the mediator in your personal relationship with God?

Day 4: Koinonia - A Transformative Fellowship

The fellowship John speaks of is "koinonia," a deep sharing of life and identity that transforms us. It calls us to be spiritually alive, engaging deeply with God and each other, and living out our faith in tangible ways. This fellowship is not just about social gatherings but a profound spiritual connection that unites us with God and fellow believers. Through "koinonia," we share in the divine nature through the Holy Spirit, experiencing a transformative relationship that impacts every aspect of our lives.

"And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers." (Acts 2:42, ESV)

Reflection: How can you actively participate in "koinonia" within your community, fostering deeper spiritual connections with others?

Day 5: Inviting Others into Transformative Fellowship

We are challenged to see those not yet in fellowship with God and the church, using language and actions that break down barriers and invite them into this transformative relationship. Our joy is made complete when we see new people come to life in Christ, experiencing the fellowship that brings true joy and fulfillment. This call to invite others is not just an evangelistic effort but a reflection of our desire to share the love and grace we have received, extending the invitation to experience the life-changing power of fellowship with God.

"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name

of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." (Matthew 28:19, ESV)

Reflection: Who is one person in your life that you can intentionally reach out to this week, inviting them into a deeper fellowship with God and the church?