

SERMON NOTES

2nd Sunday of Easter, Year B * April 11, 2021

Sermon by the Reverend Tom Rutherford

Acts 4:32-35 * Psalm 133 * 1 John 1:1-2:2 * John 20:19-31

"Fellowship"?

"Grant that all who have been reborn into the FELLOWSHIP of Christ's Body..." Collect for the 2nd Sunday of Easter, BCP 224

"Fellowship" = "F_____" but it's MORE...

All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of their possessions was their own, but they shared everything they had. Acts 4:32

✦ Fellowship = Sharing our S_____, T_____, and L_____

Oh, how good and pleasant it is, *

when brothers [and sisters] dwell together in unity!

Psalm 133:1

✦ Fellowship = Choosing U_____, which is not U_____

We proclaim to you what we've 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 1:3

✦ Fellowship = Sharing F_____, H_____, and L_____

Thomas was not with the disciples when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!" John 20:24-25

✦ Fellowship = Going to the estranged to I_____ them back

Jesus said to Thomas, "Stop doubting and believe." John 20:27

✦ Fellowship = F_____ and R_____

Next Week's Lessons

Acts 3:12-19 * Psalm 4 * 1 John 3:1-7 * Luke 24:36b-48

Chewing on Our Daily Bread

Questions for conversation with your family, a friend, or Home Group

1. "Fellowship" is "Christian Friendship." Who is a faithful Christian friend to you? And what makes them a "friend?"
2. Fellowship is sharing our stuff, time, and life with people. Outside of your family, with whom do you regularly share your stuff, time, and/or life? And how do you do that?
3. Fellowship is sharing faith, hope, and love to encourage people. Tell how someone has encouraged you recently.
4. Fellowship includes forgiveness and reconciliation. Whom do you need to forgive and be reconciled with?
5. PRAY:
 - ✦ Thanking God for faithful Christian friends
 - ✦ For grace to forgive and be reconciled with that person you mentioned in #4 above.
 - ✦ For any needs in your group.