

1 Thessalonians 2:17-3:13

Face to Face

Fellowship (koinonia) – active partnering with one another to live out the life and mission of Christ together

1) Big Picture on Fellowship

- a) Jesus
- b) Description – Mt 18:20, Heb 10:24-25, 1 Cor 5:11, 2 John 10
- c) Prescription – Acts 2:42, 20:17, 1 Cor 5:4, 11:17-22, 14:23, James 2:2-4
- d) Consummation – Rev 21:3, Rev 22:4

2) Pursuit of Fellowship – 2:17-18

- a) Passion – v. 17, 3:6
- b) Diligence – v. 17
- c) Prayer – 3:10-11

3) Purpose of Fellowship – 3:1-3

- a) Your Faith – 3:2, 5, 6, 7, 10
 - To Establish / Strengthen – 3:2
 - To Encourage – 3:2
- b) My Joy – 2:19-20, 3:6-9

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Praxis

1. What is missing from a “Zoom” Meeting that you might get face to face? What is easier / more comfortable in a Zoom meeting? Why is that?
2. What are some creative ways that you might personally pursue more “face-time” with others while we are still somewhat isolating?
3. How might you better prepare yourself before facetime opportunities with fellow Christians to better accomplish the purposes in 1 Th 3:2-3?
4. Consider each of the admonitions in 1 Th 5:12-15... What improves in doing each of these in person rather than by letter, phone-call, or text?
5. What changes do you personally need to make in regard to Fellowship?