

The *Fellowship* of *Worship*

- Koinonia is about our communion, our fellowship, our *participation* in the life of God by the Holy Spirit.
- Much of what we say about this has application to our *personal* worship experience.

- A deeper understanding is that we come to commune with the Lord.
- Koinonia is an interaction with one another and with the Lord.
- We are posturing ourselves to receive him as our King and Ruler.

- It is embracing the attitude of submission and respect that makes it safe for God to show up.
- Everything we talk about when we talk about worship is to prepare our hearts to host the manifest presence of God.

- When I talk about the manifest presence, I'm talking about God showing up in power.
- I'm saying all this to emphasize the value of entering into a sincere posture of worship as an invitation for God to show up.

- The Hebrew word translated presence means face.
- There is the element of choice.
- Holiness is about God's influence on our lives.

- When God's presence comes on a congregation in that way, people get *delivered*.
- Worship is an *atmosphere* where God comes down and exercises his power on behalf of His people.

- In the koinonia of worship there is *horizontal* edification going on.

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part 2,

3 Keys to Hosting

God's Presence

1. Desire.

- The ones who get filled are those who hunger and thirst for it.
- But it was their responsibility to pursue it.

- Allow the *desperation* of his desire to soak in.
- The one thing that distinguishes us as God's people is God's *presence*.

- It is the supernatural presence of God in our midst that makes all the difference.
- May God give us a holy dissatisfaction with the status-quo.

2. Sensitivity to the will of the Holy Spirit.

- I need to have my ears open to His voice.
- I must come with an anticipation that I will hear Him.

- Most Christians come to a church service with an audience mentality.
- The Greek word translated desire is sometimes translated covet or to be zealous.

3. Obedience to the Holy Spirit.

- There is always a sense of risk when we operate in faith.

- You have to be willing to put your ego on the line and take a risk.
- The gifts are never to show our level of spirituality.