**Day 9 - Sharing Real Life**

Topical

We have seen because of our new life in Christ, we can have and should have fellowship with God and with other believers.

1. Write out our working definition of fellowship.

2. Why is fellowship so important that John would spend so much time dealing with it in this letter? Before you try to answer that question, look up the following verses and write down what you learn.

I John 1:3, 7

John 13:34-35

1 Cor. 1:9

Phil. 2:1

2 Cor. 6:14

John 17:21-22

Heb. 10:24-25

Now, according to the truth of God’s Word, why is fellowship important?

Through fellowship we actively love one another; we don’t just say we love God and love others. Through fellowship, according to the following verses, how can we tangibly love one another?

Gal. 6:2

Rom. 15:14

1 Thess. 5:11

1 Peter 5:9

Heb. 10:24-25 (above)

4. What constrains us to love one another?

2 Cor. 5:14-15

**Application:** It’s time to search our hearts concerning fellowship. Is it your heart’s desire to have intimate fellowship with God and then to share your life in Christ with your brothers and sisters in Christ? Go to God in prayer and talk it over with Him. Take time to listen to what the Holy Spirit wants to impress on your heart.

Remember, we are not to be lone sheep. Sheep go in flocks; and the flock hears and obeys the voice of the Shepherd!