









## FOLLOWERS – LESSON PLAN

| Age | Term | Mod. | Module Theme | Module Title           | Lesson Number and Title     |
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| 17  | 2    | 3    | HOLINESS     | Holiness in the Church | 71: Koinonia (κοινωνία Gk.) |

Use the syllabus framework to complete above. Infants: 20 minutes; Juniors: 30 minutes; Middles & Seniors: 45 minutes  
(Mod. = Module Number, Module Theme - in the heading, Module Title - uppercase in the cell, Lesson Num [NO. column] and Title)

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Tick the appropriate box(es) above [ copy this: ☒ ] for the modes of learning being used in this session.

**Prayer:** Trisagion Prayers

**Starter:** Do a quick survey of the students as to how many people they know reasonably well in the Church. Ask for a three band response: 3 or less, 4 to 11, 12 or more. What does this reveal?

**Learning objectives:** To understand the social and relational aspect of holiness in the Church.

### Core Activities and Learning

#### Key Facts – Resources for Leader's Introduction of this topic to the Students

- Appears 20 times in most Greek translations of the NT (See here for full references: <https://www.blueletterbible.org/lang/lexicon/lexicon.cfm?t=kjv&strongs=g2842>)
- No single English word encompasses its meaning completely. It combines: "community, communion, joint participation, sharing and social warmth." The Slav term "sobornost" means the same.
- "Fellowship" is often used in translation" although the secular meaning of this word is very weak in comparison with the social and spiritual richness of koinonia.
- "Communion" might be better but is used by many Protestants to signify the Holy Gifts. There is, of course, a connection with the Eucharist but this is not made clear in the post-Schism west where "receiving Communion" is thought of as an individual matter between the believer and God. The Slav coiners of the term "sobornost" explicitly and correctly rejected this interpretation as a western Latin heresy.
- Koinonia captures both the social and relational aspect of Church life IN CHRIST and by the shared HOLY SPIRIT. All the references in the New Testament exhibit this social and relational character.

#### Activities

- Ask the students to share examples from Church life aspects of how koinonia should, and the actually is or is not expressed in the community / parish.
- Ask them to identify ways in which the quality of koinonia locally might be improved.
- Holiness cannot be acquired without the practical realisation of quality relationships and mutual sacrifice / giving within that fellowship which is the body of Christ. Explore how that is mandated by the life of the Church in the Acts of the Apostles (see Acts 2:42-45)

**Resources:** Pens, paper, New Testament

**Review:** There can be no genuine holiness without mutual love, sacrifice and service within the fellowship of the Church in both Christ and the Holy Spirit. Ours I not an individualistic journey towards salvation. My salvation is in my brother and sister. We are saved or damned TOGETHER.

**Follow Up:** Find practical ways to get to know my brothers and sisters in the Church better.