

# Dig Deeper

“Koinonia” – “The church in your house.”

## Philemon 1:4-7

*3 Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. 4 I always thank my God as I remember you in my prayers, 5 because I hear about your love for all his holy people and your faith in the Lord Jesus. 6 I pray that your partnership with us in the faith may be effective in deepening your understanding of every good thing we share for the sake of Christ. 7 Your love has given me great joy and encouragement, because you, brother, have refreshed the hearts of the Lord's people.*

**Study the following passages of Scripture to discover how a house church functions. Keep notes and list what you learn are the activities of believers when meeting in homes.**

**Do the same with the 40 “One Another” passages in Scripture.**

- Acts 2:42-17
- Acts 4:32-35
- Acts 6:1-7
  
- Ephesians 4:4-16
- Colossians 3:12-17
  
- 1 Corinthians 11:17-34
- 1 Corinthians 12:1-31
- 1 Corinthians 14:26-39

Can you find any other passages that might apply to actions within a small group?

What are they?

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# 40 “One Another” Commands

There are 40 “one another” passages in the New Testament. It would do us well to take these passages seriously as commands of the Lord. They are not optional or strongly suggested. They are commands! Some of these passages are in the negative – that is what we are NOT to do to one another. The others are proactive commands to do one to another.

## Positive Commands

1. Wash one another’s feet - John 13
2. Love one another – John 15
3. Receive one another – Romans 15:7
4. Be kindly affectioned Romans 12:10
5. Honor & prefer - Romans 12:10
6. Admonish one another - Romans 15:14
7. Salute one another - holy kiss - 1 Cor 16:20
8. In love serve one another – Gal 5:15
9. Bear one another’s burdens – Gal 6:2
10. Forbearing one another – Col 3:13
11. Forgiving one another – Col 3:13
12. Admonishing in psalms – Col 3:16
13. Comfort one another – 1 Thes 4:18
14. Edify one another – 1 Thes. 5:11
15. Bear one another’s burdens – Gal 6:2
16. Forbearing one another – Col 3:13
17. Forgiving one another – Col 3:13
18. Comfort one another – 1 Thes 4:18
19. Edify one another – 1 Thes. 5:11
20. Provoke to love/good works – Heb 10:24
21. Exhorting one another – Heb 10:25
22. Tarry one for another – 1 Cor 1:33
23. Care one for another – 1 Cor 12:25
24. Confess your faults – James 5:16
25. Pray one for another – James 5:16
26. Submitting yourselves one to another - Ephesians 5:21
27. Minister gifts one to another – 1 Pet 4:10
28. Use hospitality one to another – Col 3:9
29. Be subject one to another – 1 Pet 5:5

## Negative Commands

1. Judge not one another - Romans 14:13
2. Provoking one another– Gal 5:26
3. Envyng one another – Gal 5:26
4. Bite and devour one another – Gal 5:15
5. Hating one another – Titus 3:3
6. Wronging one to another - Acts 7:26
7. Lie not one to another - Colossians 3:9
8. Devour not - Gal 5:15
9. Defraud not - 1 Thessalonians 4:6)
10. Show no partiality - 1 Tim 5:21
11. Forsake not gathering - Heb 10:25
12. Put no stumblingblock - Rom. 14:13)

- **How do you measure up?**
- **What commands are missing from your care of others in a small group or house church?**
- **Do you disqualify any as not pertaining to you?**
- **Which ones do you find the hardest to do?**