

# Stirring the Pot

Hebrews 10:19-25

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Heb 10:19-25 - *Therefore, brethren, having boldness to enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way which He consecrated for us, through the veil, that is, His flesh, and having a High Priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful. And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.*

## Introduction:

Fellowship in the N. T. basically means sharing and self-sacrifice with other believers. It has noted, "Fellowship in the early church was not based on uniformity of thought and practice, except where limits of immorality or rejection of the confession of Christ were involved."

## The Body comes together:

### Christians gather after being out in the world

The Greek word for fellowship comes from a root meaning common or shared. So fellowship means common participation in something either by giving what you have to the other person or receiving what he or she has. Give and take is the essence of fellowship, and give and take must be the way of fellowship in the common life of the body of Christ.

### The body is made up of many parts

A fellowship is a gathering of sinner- no sin greater than another – no sinner worse than another

### The interaction we Christians know as fellowship is powerful.

## What Fellowship accomplishes...

### Fellowship is not meant to be fun, but fulfilling & convicting

### Fellowship creates relationships (We can measure our connections with these instruments)

#### Familiarity - Availability - Supportiveness - Accountability

Christian fellowship is two-dimensional, and it has to be vertical before it can be horizontal. We must know the reality of fellowship with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ before we can know the reality of fellowship with each other in our common relationship to God ([1 John 1:3](#)). The person who is not in fellowship with the Father and the Son is no Christian at all, and so cannot share with Christians the realities of their fellowship.

