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COMMUNITY

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"AND ALL THAT BELIEVED WERE TOGETHER, AND HAD ALL THINGS COMMON" - ACTS 2:44

"REAL SOLUTIONS FOR REAL PEOPLE"



A group of people or a location, where people come together to be social. Often includes dinner, drinks, or dancing. Could include board games, shared interests or discussions on different topics. Generally, people eating, drinking, talking, laughing in a shared environment.

A place to find Community.

NT:2842

NT:2842 koinwni/a koinonia (koy-nohn-ee'-ah); from NT:2844; partnership, i.e. (literally) participation, or (social) intercourse, or (pecuniary) benefaction:

KJV - (to) communicate (-ation), communion, (contri-) distribution, fellowship.

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## **Acts 2:41-47**

41 Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls.

42 And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.

43 And fear came upon every soul: and many wonders and signs were done by the apostles.

44 And all that believed were together, and had all things common;

45 And sold their possessions and goods, and parted them to all men, as every man had need.

## **Acts 2:41-47**

46 And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart,

47 Praising God, and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.

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- The first thing that happens after Christ's ascension back to the father was the birth of the church, on the day of Pentecost. The second thing that happened was the establishment of a community of believers.
  - What is very important to look at is the origin and center core of the community, which is Jesus Christ and Him alone.
  - This is what differentiates the church, Koinonia, from the social club, which has many of the same characteristics.

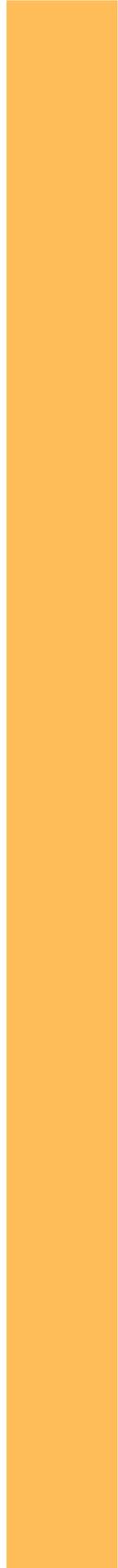
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- Both the church and the social club are based on a group of people who come together, usually around eating, dancing, games, shared conversations, and common interest. The difference comes into play when we consider the core reason and purpose for all of these activities that are secondary to, and should be attached to, the person of Jesus Christ and the mission for why the community exists in the first place.

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- In the old testament we see a model of community, commanded by God and created by Moses, that centers around the presence of God through the tabernacle, administered by the priest.
  - All the tribes gathered around the tabernacle in the wilderness, which was God's idea. He gave Moses specific instructions about how the tabernacle was to be constructed, the materials it should be made of, and a systematic way to worship and approach God's presence.
  - At the very center of this community was the mercy seat and the presence of God.

## **Exodus 25:21-22**

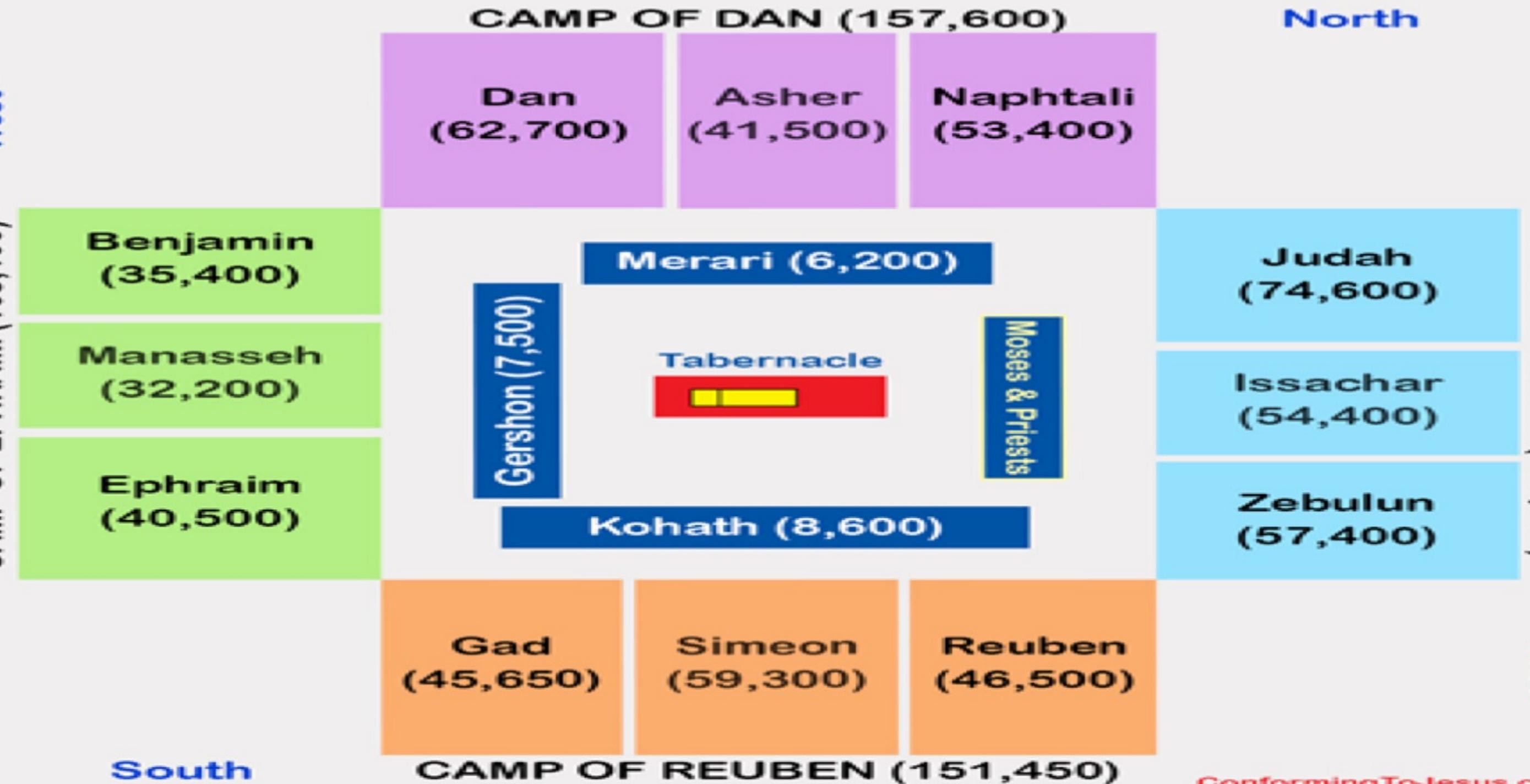
21 And thou shalt put the mercy seat above upon the ark; and in the ark thou shalt put the testimony that I shall give thee.

22 And there I will meet with thee, and I will commune with thee from above the mercy seat, from between the two cherubim's which are upon the ark of the testimony, of all things which I will give thee in commandment unto the children of Israel.

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- This model places the presence of God as the priority and gave the children of Israel, who made up the tribes of Israel, a focused purpose to exist together, work together, and build together.

# ENCAMPMENT OF THE TRIBES OF ISRAEL IN THE WILDERNESS

Numbers 2:1 - 3:39



- They were not hanging out together because they were fond of each other, it wasn't about liking each other, or because they had naturally common goals or interest outside of their worship, and purpose set in place by God himself.
  1. They continued steadfastly in the Apostle's doctrine.
  2. Fellowship
  3. Breaking bread from house to house did eat their meet with singleness of heart.
  4. Prayers
- These four elements are at the core of community start with the foundation of the word of God and the fact that they were consistently committed to the teachings of the Apostles.

- Koinōnia is one Paul often employed, but it appears only here in all of Luke-Acts. Its basic meaning is “association, communion, fellowship, close relationship.
- The fellowship around a meal that promoted healthy relationship connections. This fellowship was anchored in the sharing of the Lords supper, which serves as the center peace and purpose for the community.
- So, where the mercy seat was, the center focus of worship in the old testament at the Lord’s table, becomes the center focus of the new testament church.
- Prayer served as a continued way of keeping the focus and purpose of Koinonia in mind.

## **1 Corinthians 10:14-21**

14 Wherefore, my dearly beloved, flee from idolatry.

15 I speak as to wise men; judge ye what I say.

16 The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ?

17 For we being many are one bread, and one body: for we are all partakers of that one bread.

18 Behold Israel after the flesh: are not they which eat of the sacrifices partakers of the altar?

19 What say I then? that the idol is any thing, or that which is offered in sacrifice to idols is any thing?

## **1 Corinthians 10:14-21**

20 But I say, that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice, they sacrifice to devils, and not to God: and I would not that ye should have fellowship with devils.

21 Ye cannot drink the cup of the Lord, and the cup of devils: ye cannot be partakers of the Lord's table, and of the table of devils.

# 1 Corinthians 11:21:31

21 For in eating every one taketh before other his own supper: and one is hungry, and another is drunken.

22 What? have ye not houses to eat and to drink in? or despise ye the church of God, and shame them that have not? What shall I say to you? shall I praise you in this? I praise you not.

23 For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, That the Lord Jesus the same night in which he was betrayed took bread:

24 And when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me.

# 1 Corinthians 11:21:31

25 After the same manner also he took the cup, when he had supped, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me.

26 For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come.

27 Wherefore whosoever shall eat this bread, and drink this cup of the Lord, unworthily, shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord.

28 But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup.

# **1 Corinthians 11:21:31**

29 For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body.

30 For this cause many are weak and sickly among you, and many sleep.

31 For if we would judge ourselves, we should not be judged.