A. When God chooses a physical activity to use as a metaphor for the Christian life, it’s often a picture of ___________. (Acts 20:24; Heb. 12:1; 2 Tim. 4:7)
   1. It emphasizes the continuous, __________ nature of discipleship.
   2. It is such an __________ activity.
   3. Because runners need __________ from ________.

B. Christian fellowship is how we ________, strengthen, and encourage each other so that we can both _______ and actually _______ the race.

C. What is Fellowship?
   1. It is not just __________ together.
   2. It is not just ________________.
   3. Fellowship is the expression of genuine __________ among the members of God’s family.
   4. Fellowship affirms a new __________. We are in a relationship with ______ and a relationship with __________ who have a relationship with God.

D. Hebrews 10:23-25

E. “The mass of men lead lives of quiet __________.” Thoreau

F. Hebrews 3:13

G. 1 Thessalonians 5:10-11

H Romans 12:9-21 provides a number of targets to be shooting for in fellowship:
   1. Fellowship is an expression of love and _____________.
   2. Fellowship is an expression of honesty and ________________.
   3. Fellowship is an expression of concern and _____________.
   4. Fellowship is an expression of confession and ________________.
   5. Fellowship is an expression of encouragement and _________________.

I. How can we be more devoted to the fellowship?
   1. Be ____________.
   2. When you are together, ________.
   3. When you are together, ________.
   4. ________ for one another.
   5. ________ together.

J. A group of 9 physically handicapped people conquered Mt. Ranier.
   1. When asked how they did it, a blind member of the party said, “We had a lot of ________ from ________ on the trip.”