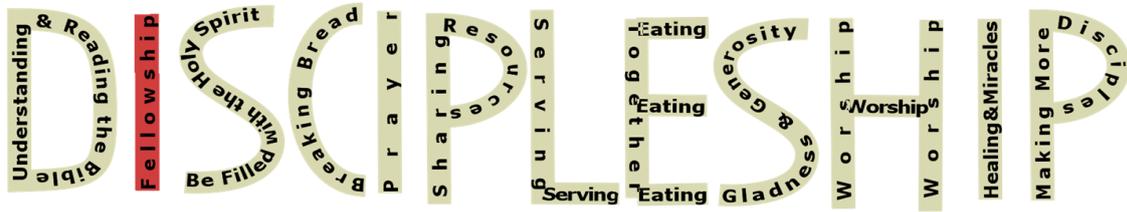


# 12 Practices of



## Fellowship

### A Taste of Heaven

#### Week 1: What is Fellowship?

Readings: Acts 2:42-47; 1 John 1:1-10

The *Oxford English Dictionary* defines fellowship as,

- Friendly association, especially with people who share one's interests.
- The status of a fellow of a college or society.

The Greek word that is translated as fellowship is *Koinonia*. Its root meaning is all about sharing, holding in common,

- Sharing in the life of the Body of Christ
- Participation in the life of God
- Sharing of life together for the common good.

*Koinonia* fellowship is only possible through the Holy Spirit. It is only possible between those who have the Holy Spirit, those who are members of the Body of Christ.

In the Body of Christ, the rules of relationships are re-written to be as God originally intended, everyone is equally valued. We have the freedom to set aside the need to always act in our own self-interest. We have the freedom to share life for the common good.

At the mid-week meeting this Tuesday evening (7:45 in church) we will explore what it means to be the Body of Christ together – the Church – and what that means for how we live in *Koinonia* fellowship with one another.