

# *the* SPIRITUAL PRACTICE of **FELLOWSHIP**

*"The Creator arranged things so that we need each other."*

Basil of Caesarea

## **In Jesus' Life**

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### **John 15:12-17**

*friend = philos (φίλος)*

*"one who is on intimate terms or in close association with another"*

Aristotle's definition

*μία ψυχή δύο σώμασιν ἐνοικοῦσα*

*One soul inhabiting two bodies*

What are the essential components of friendship in this passage?

How would this relate to a Christian understanding of "fellowship?"

## **In The Church's Life**

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### **Acts 2:42-47**

What are the core practices/rhythms for this community?

What results from their fellowship?

### **Ephesians 2:11-22**

Describe the journey taken by someone who becomes a "fellow citizen with the saints and members of the household of God."

### **1 John 3:11-18**

Any additional reflections about the nature of "fellowship" as a believer?

## **In My Life**

In light of this study, how would you describe “fellowship” as a spiritual practice?

What has this practice looked like for you in the past?

Is it possible to “mature” in fellowship? If so, how? If not, why not?

How might Jesus use this practice to mature, deepen, and transform my life to look more like His?

Practically, what could this practice look like in my life this week?