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## WEEK THREE – FELLOWSHIP

1. When you hear the word *Fellowship*, what meaning does it have to you?
2. When exactly is a Christ follower practicing fellowship?

The word that gets translated in our Bibles as fellowship is the Greek word *koinonia*. It means to have a bond for a united purpose and speaks to a living, breathing, shared relationship with one another.

### Read Acts 2:42-47.

3. Often fellowship is mistakenly thought of as just the eating of a common meal together. But what do we learn in these verses that the early followers of Christ did in common?
4. How can we apply this to our current small groups at PCC?
5. In his message on Sunday, Pastor Brian talked about 3 important qualities of your Spiritual Family, your PCC small group. These 3 were: praying together, reading & studying the Bible together, and having fellowship together through care, support, & accountability to each other. Using these qualities, where do you feel your small group's greatest strengths lay? What would you like your group to work harder on for the upcoming year?

### Read 1 John 1:1-4.

6. In these 4 verses, Jesus's disciple John gives us a possible framework in which to live out our whole Christian lives. John tells us that we can only have a relationship...fellowship with Jesus because He is who He says He is. Then John relates an eyewitness account of what he has seen & knows so that we can *trust* as well. How pivotal is *trusting* to you when it comes to relationships, both with God and with others?
7. How does this ability to trust play out in the interactions of your own small groups? Does trust affect how much you allow others to fellowship with you?
8. Reading verse 3 again, John *first* mentions fellowship with God's people *before* he mentions fellowship with God and with Jesus. How did *you* first encounter God? Was it initially through a relationship with a Christ follower and, if so, how?

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9. In 1 John 1:4, John writes that the result of our fellowship with other believers and with God is that “*our joy is complete.*” Where have you seen unlimited joy realized in this way? What would you share with other believers who feel that their spiritual journey is full managing on their own, without the companionship of other Christ followers?
10. What is the difference between joy and pleasure? Which would you say is based on your external circumstances & your emotions?
11. Charles Spurgeon wrote, “If any of you have lost the joy of the Lord, I pray that you do not think it a small loss.” What assaults your joy?

## Read 1 John 1:7.

12. Most of us would expect the Apostle John to say that “if we walk in the light,” then we have fellowship with God. And this is true, but John stresses something different here. He writes that by walking step by step in the light where God is, “we have *fellowship with one another*” through the sacrifice of Jesus. Walking implies action & progress. Pray together for your small group about the bond of fellowship that has been given to you as part of the Good News of Jesus.

## NEXT STEPS

Get connected in a small group where you can read & study the Bible together, pray for each other, and have fellowship through support, care, & accountability. Visit your Campus Hot Spot or search online at [pccsmallgroups.com](http://pccsmallgroups.com).

## DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Day 1: Acts 2:42-47

Day 2: 1 John 1:1-4

Day 3: 1 John 1:5-7

Day 4: John 15:11-12

Day 5: John 16:24

Day 6: John 17:13,20-23

Day 7: Philippians 2:1-4