

August 23/24, 2025
"Fellowship"
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SPEND DAILY TIME WITH GOD AS YOU READ, THINK, PRAY + ACT.

2025 Focus: 50 Key Truths

Each Friday, explore a key truth about our Christian faith and how we can live in light of this truth.

Day 1 [Acts 2:42-47](#) | What is Fellowship?

"They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer."
Acts 2:42

After Jesus returns to heaven and sends the Holy Spirit, his disciples experience a powerful, new relationship with each other. Luke records in the book of Acts that the early church was "all in" on fellowship. The Greek word for fellowship is *koinonia*. The term implies something deeper than friendship. Through the Holy Spirit, the early believers courageously followed Jesus together and experienced a connection with God and each other unlike any other relationship.

Jesus calls us to be courageously committed to fellowship, too. Christian fellowship is richer than a typical friendship and can only be experienced between true believers of Jesus. Beyond just hanging out and sharing meals, fellowship is the intersection between the relational and spiritual. We experience connection with God and with other people at the same time. We grow in fellowship over time in small groups as we discuss God's Word and apply it to our lives. We experience this connection as we serve alongside other believers. Fellowship happens as mentors and mentees share experiences and learn together. If we neglect fellowship, we miss a vital part of following Jesus.

TODAY: Ask God to show you where you might be neglecting fellowship. Pray for help to open yourself to deeper relationships with other believers so you can experience the joy and beauty of true fellowship. "Father, I confess it can be easy to get busy, distracted or fearful and not be all in on fellowship. Show me where I can follow Jesus with other believers this year. Help me take a courageous step toward other Jesus followers. Amen."

Day 2 [Genesis 1:26-28](#) | Why Fellowship Matters

"So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them." Genesis 1:27

The opening pages of Scripture provide a beautiful picture of fellowship. God is in perfect relationship—Father, Son and Spirit. God then creates humanity, not out of need, but to generously share the beauty of relationship with him. Man is in perfect relationship with God and the created world. But God considers it "not good" for man to be alone and creates woman ([Genesis 2:18](#)). Humanity in relationship with God alone was never the intention. God created people in his image to live in relationship with both God and each other. This is the powerful fellowship the early church makes a courageous commitment to ([Acts 2:42](#)).

As we live out true fellowship our relationships are like a mirror, reflecting God's relational nature to the world. God didn't create us to be just "God and me." Rather, he created us for "God and we." Our vertical, spiritual

relationship with God is vital. We need time alone with God in his Word and prayer. We are incomplete without it. We also need horizontal relationships with other Jesus followers as we share life, pray and discuss our spiritual lives. True fellowship involves *both* relationships. If we do not engage in one or the other, we miss something core about what it means to be human.

TODAY: Consider both your horizontal relationships and your vertical relationship. Do you tend to focus more on one than the other? You need both relationships and the intersection of where they connect is powerful. Spend time in your journal or mobile device reflecting on where you need God's help to bring your relationship with him into your relationships with others and vice versa.

Day 3 [Acts 2:46-47](#) | Fellowship and Fullness

"Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts." Acts 2:46

The early church experiences a deep, satisfying, rich life together. They go "all in" on their relationship with God and each other, opening the door to true, Christian fellowship. They gather daily to hear the Apostles teach and then share life together in homes. The Holy Spirit fills them with joy and gladness, even though they experienced opposition and deep, personal struggles. This satisfying life together is only possible through the power of Jesus's life, death and resurrection. He's recreating humanity to experience restored friendship with God and with each other.

This powerful, full life is available to us. Jesus said he came *so that* we could have life to the full ([John 10:10](#)). When we place our faith in Jesus and believe that he died for our sins, we are restored to friendship with God. Our new relationship with God then makes way for new relationships with each other. Relationships within our church, families, marriages and friends when we are following Jesus together can experience a relational intimacy and connection that is only available through him.

TODAY: Have you placed your faith in Jesus? It's as simple as telling God that you recognize your sin has broken your relationship with him and that you believe Jesus died to restore your life to him. If you have placed your faith in Jesus, thank him for the rich, full life that is available through him. Join Ada Bible Worship as they sing "[The Christ and the Cornerstone](#)." Use the words as a prayer of praise for "His Name is freedom. His Name is healing. His Name is power over the grave."

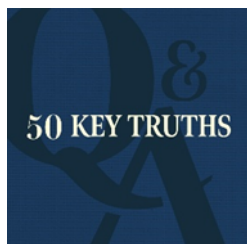
Day 4 [Acts 2:46-47](#) | How We Fellowship

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The early church continues to gather in the temple court. Thousands come each day to listen to the Apostles teach and to pray and worship together. They also gather in smaller settings in homes. They share meals, likely talk about what the Apostles taught and grow in their new understanding of what Jesus has done for them. They go "all in" on both the large and small gatherings. Where one provides powerful teaching and praising God together, the other provides powerful personal connections and application to their lives.

We too need both large and small connections with other believers. Fellowship happens as thousands gather as one voice to sing God's praise and listen to teaching of his Word. We reorient our hearts together toward God before entering our week. Fellowship also happens as a group of ten sits in a circle to pray or around a dining table to share a meal and stories of God's work in their lives. The small gathering offers space to ask questions and know each other's stories and struggles. Both matter. Like logs in a fire, one fuels the other and keeps the fire of fellowship going. Without one or the other, the fire risks dimming to an ember.

TODAY: Consider your commitment to both the large fellowship of weekend services and the small fellowship of groups. Small groups will be launching across Ada Bible Church in the coming weeks. If you are in a group, re-commit to engaging regularly with your group. If you are not in a group, now is the perfect time to join. You can find all our group opportunities and register [HERE](#).



Day 5 [2 Corinthians 3:12-18](#) | Question 33: The Holy Spirit's Work

Question: How does the Holy Spirit work in believers' lives?

Answer: The Holy Spirit transforms believers, making them more like Christ in character and actions.

"And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit." 2 Corinthians 3:18

Paul wrote to believers in Corinth who were struggling with ongoing spiritual growth and maturity issues. He explained that sanctification—being set apart and transformed into Christ's likeness—is not an instant process but a gradual work of the Spirit. Unlike the temporary, fading glory that Moses experienced after meeting with God, believers experience an ongoing transformation that increases over time. Paul wanted the Corinthians to understand that their spiritual growth wasn't dependent on their own efforts but on the Spirit's continuous work within them. The term "being transformed" indicates an ongoing process where the Spirit shapes believers to reflect more and more of Christ's character throughout their lives.

This same transformation continues in believers' lives today through the Spirit's ongoing work. The Spirit transforms us spiritually into Christlikeness, making our actions and character more like Jesus. This transformation comes through the God's Spirit living in us. As we walk in the Spirit and submit to his guidance, the Spirit produces the fruits of the Spirit in our lives, making us less hateful and more loving, less cynical and more joyful, less anxious and more at peace. The Spirit helps us defeat sin and live to please to God. We cannot defeat the power of sin by our strength. Sin is defeated by God's strength through his Spirit who is more powerful than the enemy who tries to tempt us.

TODAY: Thank God that transformation is the Spirit's work, not something you must accomplish in your own strength. Ask the Spirit to reveal one area where you need to be more like Christ and submit that area to his transforming work today.