

1. When you encounter the word “fellowship”, what kinds of thoughts, images or phrases come to mind?
2. As a group, compose a definition for the word “fellowship”.
3. Read aloud Acts 2:42-47 from 2 or 3 different translations. Discuss what appear to be the basic elements that, when combined together, produce a sense of authentic or genuine fellowship.
4. The Greek word that Luke uses for “fellowship” is the the word κοινωνία (koy-nohn-ee'-ah). He purposefully uses a feminine form of the word instead of a male form. Discuss the difference between the way men and women “fellowship”, and why his choosing to use a feminine form of the word makes sense.
5. What do you feel like are some of the barriers today that keep people from engaging in the kind of fellowship that was present in those first days of the church?
6. As the writer of Hebrews referenced in Heb. 10:25, there will always be people who choose to pursue their journey with Christ completely on their own. Why is excluding others from our faith journey a bad idea, and what does a person who chooses to do so stand to lose?
7. If you are interacting with these questions, then chances are, you're already a part of a small group of some kind. If that's true, and even if it's not and you're seriously contemplating joining a growth group, how might you be able to share your journey and be an encouragement to other members of the HFN Body who might be struggling with the decision to join a growth group?
8. Like every spiritual decision we make, choosing to engage in authentic fellowship will come with a price tag, or maybe even several. What will one of those price tags be for you personally? What kinds of price tags can you think of that others might have to pay?