

# DNA OF A COMMUNITY GROUP

## THE DEVOTIONS OF THE EARLY CHURCH & OUR COMMUNITY GROUPS

### God's Word

Just as the Early Church was dedicated to the Apostles' Teaching, we are committed to engaging with God's Word on a regular basis. We believe that "All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work (2 Tim. 3:16-17)." Our groups gather together, not just to read the Bible, but to discuss how we can apply it to our lives. We don't just ask, "What does this mean," but instead ask, "How do I apply this to my life today?"

### Fellowship

The word fellowship today is defined as "friendly association." But the word (koinonia) used in the Bible means something deeper. It describes people who gather under the banner of a common idea or goal. Though they will differ in wealth, social status, ethnicity, interests, and maturity, they are unified under a common goal. Biblical Community is one that has individual diversity, but group unity around the common purpose of knowing Christ and making him known to others.

The Early Church must have had some Cajun in them because their fellowship was often in association with breaking bread together. The Early Church didn't just gather for a formal Bible study, but instead lived life together. The small moments of eating together and laughing were imperative to experiencing biblical community.