### **"Fellowship With Jesus Christ"** A Study of the Book of Romans Pastor Tim Allen

**Key Truth:** As God's beloved children, the Holy Spirit allows us to share all the blessings of the Father in Christ Jesus.

When we talk about "fellowship" (*koinonia*), we're talking about participating in or sharing one another's life. Fellowship – sharing life together – goes way beyond eating a meal together. It can also include serving alongside one another, worshiping together, even suffering together – going through a challenging experience or crisis together. The Holy Spirit has a lot to do with helping us share life together because he brings us into union with Christ and with one another.

# DISCUSS

Read **Romans 8:16-17** and discuss with the group a statement or concept that stood out to you or impacted you in the sermon entitled **"Fellowship With Jesus Christ"** 

# DIG IN

1. Shared Witness

(Romans 8:16)

In what ways does our crying, "Abba! Father!" witness to our being the adopted children of God?

How does our conscience bear witness with the Holy Spirit that we are God's children?

In what ways does the Holy Spirit graciously witness with our spirit that we are children of God?

#### 2. Shared Inheritance

(Romans 8:17a)

In what ways does Jesus freely share with us in the inheritance that he rightly deserves?

What does this inheritance entail?

Why is it important that this inheritance not be contingent upon our gender, ethnicity, or social status? How does the Bible demonstrate this?

3. Shared Suffering (Romans 8:17b)

Why is suffering important or beneficial in this life?

What types of suffering does Jesus share with us? Give examples.

4. Shared Glory (Romans 8:17c)

When will we share in Christ's glory? Why?

Where should we look for this glory?

## DO

What lessons do you learn from these verses that you will take with you throughout the coming week?

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