



## Tim Talk November 09

Brrrrrrrr! As I write this on October 28th the cold air is blowing outside the Building, making all kinds of interesting creaking noises in the joints and trusses of this Building. I love this time of year, just as the heat of a long valley-summer suddenly hibernates, and the leaves begin to change into their beautiful Fall colors. Plus I get totally jazzed about hosting “Light the Night” out of my garage on October 31st, not to mention playing some flag-football, eating chili, and hanging out with people from a couple of different churches along with the neighbors around Southside Park. I could go on and on about all the things I love about this season, but that is not my main purpose for writing today. What I would really like to do is to “set the table” for the feast we are about to enjoy at *New Hope* in the next couple of months.

**1. Appetizers** – 4 Wednesday nights in December (skipping Christmas Eve eve on the 23rd). I am calling all *New Hoppers* who are longing to see God break out in our Sunday Gatherings to meet with me to seek God’s face and ask Him what He wants to do among us. We will worship through singing, silence, falling to our knees, and journaling what Papa is saying to us. Then, we will come up with a plan for our Sunday Gatherings.

**2. Entrée** – I am calling us to a 21-day fast, starting on Sunday, January 3rd. This fast is the meat and potatoes (or tofu and veggies for the health-nuts among us ☺) of this season, because God is ready to open up the floodgates of heaven and pour out His grace, His power, and His blessing over us! Do you believe this? I am planning a mini-series called, “F(e)asting” for the end of November, and we will be learning more about this precious gift called fasting. I double-dog dare you to try it...once you start, you won’t be able to stop feasting on fasting!

**3. Dessert** – On Sunday, January 24th, we will have one big Family Gathering, where we will share a “Break-fast” meal together. That’s not the dessert, though. The dessert is going to be all the testimonies that we share with each other of what God has done through the 21 days we chose to deny our SELF, take up our CROSS, and follow HIM in a way we have never done before. The only problem, though, might be that we don’t have room for dessert...we might be so full of what God’s doing that we can’t even take in all His goodness! (\*)

I urge you to begin seeking the LORD on your own for what He is up to regarding this Family He has brought together, and please mark your calendars with the above dates so you won’t miss out on more than you absolutely have to. This is going to be the best meal we’ve ever shared together!

Ravenously Hungry for God,

p.s. I can’t wait to show you the photo of the little brown-squirrel...

(\*) *Warning: The cost of going after God and tasting His goodness is that it’s going to stir up a hornets’ nest, so we must be on our guard against the enemy’s schemes. I hope this does not cause us to shrink back in fear. Rather, my prayer is that we move forward with the power of God to “Raid” the enemy and tear down his trembling gates!*