

Series: Survival Skills **Text:** Ecclesiastes 4:7-12

Part I – Community Pastor Stephen Han

- 1) Share one "worst-case scenario" that you experienced in your life, and how you survived it.
- 2) READ Ecclesiastes 4:7-12. Describe a meaningful relationship you've had (apart from your family members). What made it so significant?
- 3) What are some dangers of not being in community? Why do you think people try to avoid deep relationships?
- 4) Do a little "Community Self-assessment" on your own with these questions, and share with the group what you learn from it: If you're in a crisis, who do you call at three o'clock in the morning? Who prays for you on a regular basis? Who can you drop in on unannounced without any hesitation? Who can you call to celebrate a victory in some aspect of your life? Who do you show your weakness and struggles to?
- 5) Here are some of the "one another" passages in the Bible. Read the passages and write down what it says and how you would apply that in your life.

Passages	Instruction (What?)	Application (How?)
Romans 12:10		
I Thessalonians 5:11		
Galatians 5:13		
Galatians 6:2		
Ephesians 4:32		
Hebrews 10:24-25		
James 5:16		

- 6) Think of the closest relationships in your life these days, one at a time. Ask yourself, "Is this relationship moving me closer to God, or farther away? Is it helping me grow spiritually, or is it producing habits and attitudes that are cause for concern?" Share with the group how you assess your close relationships.
- 7) What is one step you could take to go deeper as a small group community together this year? How can you promote a greater sense of community and intimacy in your small group? How can you become a more Godcentered and life-giving community this year?