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## Experiencing Christian Community is Essential for Experiencing Life in Christ

*For Every Alaskan*

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*Small Group Discussion Questions*

### Getting Started

Take some time to catch up and connect as a group. Pray before discussion.  
Expect God to move through your time together!

### Pacing Your Group

Move quickly through “observation” leaving enough time for “reflection”, “discussion”, and “surrender.”

### Scripture Reading

Re-read the scripture passages as needed when you discuss the questions.

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#### Observation: *What does this scripture passage say?*

**Take some time to look up and read: *Ephesians 4:11-12* and *1 Corinthians 12:4-7***

1. What big ideas does Paul work to communicate in these verses about who does ministry in the church?
2. What role do pastors play? What about the rest of us?

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#### Reflection and Discussion: *What are some first thoughts flowing from the scriptures?*

**Talk together about how the scriptures connect to everyday life**

3. Read Galatians 6:2 and Philippians 2:4
  - a. What does Paul say about the role we play in the lives of other believers?
  - b. How have other brothers and sisters supported you in the past?
  - c. What opportunities has God given you to “look to the interests of others” recently?
4. Read Hebrews 10:24
  - a. What does it look like to “stir someone up” to love and good works?
  - b. How important is it for your spiritual life to have others encouraging and challenging you?

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#### Surrender: Responding to God’s voice.

5. What is one thing God is saying to you through this study and discussion?

**\*\* Take some time to pray for one another in response to what has been discussed today \*\***

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#### We’re here!

We would love to hear about how things are going in your life group!

Reach out any time with questions, ideas, thoughts, or concerns.

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A primary resource in compiling these questions has been the *NIV Life Application Study Bible* (Zondervan, 1984)