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## ***Not Ashamed: Enduring the Cost***

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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: 2 Timothy 1:15-2:14***

1. According to Paul, how is the Christian life similar to the experience of a soldier, an athlete, and a farmer?
2. What is the point of Christian suffering defined in these verses?

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

***How do the scriptures connect to everyday life.***

3. Living “not ashamed” has costs. When has living out your faith been costly? What is it costing you right now?
4. How does God give us the grace to endure the costs?
5. When have you experienced the rewards of faithful witnessing? How much do God’s promises of heavenly rewards affect your daily living?
6. 2 Timothy 2:9b says, “But the word of God is not bound!” What does this mean? How could this affect our witness to others?

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

7. 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.

Contact Care & Community Pastor, Michael Warren, (907) 646-4830, [communitylife@changepointalaska.com](mailto:communitylife@changepointalaska.com)  
A primary resource in compiling these questions has been the *NIV Life Application Study Bible* (Zondervan, 1984)