2 Cultivate

## **Christian Fellowship**

1 Connect

**Summary** While the Christian life is a personal journey, it was never intended to be lived in isolation.

**Read** Acts 2:42–47 and ask the following questions:

- 1 What do you like about this passage?
- **2** What do you find uncomfortable or difficult to understand in this passage?
- **3** What appears to be the main idea emphasized in this passage? (Look for repeated words or ideas.)

**Consider** how the following passages increase our understanding of this topic:

**Read** Ecclesiastes 4:9–12.

What general principle is being conveyed?

What are some tangible benefits of avoiding isolation?

**Read** Hebrews 10:24–25.

What is the purpose of meeting together?

Why is encouragement so important?

**Read** Ephesians 4:15–16.

How are believers in Christ like parts of a body?

What happens when a foot is disconnected from the body?

- **4** What are the beliefs and values promoted in these passages?
- **5** What do they reveal about our human condition and God's response?
- **6** How are these beliefs and values similar or different from those that have influenced you? (such as your family, culture, peers, church, etc.)
- **7** How might our faith increase and our lives change as we embrace what is true and important?
- 8 In light of what we've discussed, how can we pray for each other right now?

Have you ever attempted to accomplish something on your own that was meant to be done as a group?

How did it go?

## 3 Care

Since we last met, what happened as a result of expressing Christ's love to others?

How can you, or we, express Christ's love to others this week?

Here are a few ideas:

**Pray** God would meet their deepest needs.

**Help** meet a felt need they have.

**Encourage** them with a text, note or verbally.

**Give** them a thoughtful gift or buy them coffee.

**Invite** them to do something fun or meaningful.

**Listen** to their story.

**Explore** their thoughts on the gospel.

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