

SMALL GROUP STUDY GUIDE



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Alive: Spirit of Love: Loving Self

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What is the secret to a healthy body—of Christ? The Bible has a lot to say about the key elements that make a church healthy and it may not be what you think it is.

SCRIPTURE TEXT: ROMANS 12:3-8; JAMES 3:13-18; PROVERBS 4:1-9

Read the scripture text together as a group.

BACKGROUND INFO

These scripture texts, studied together, provide insight into what it takes to create Christian community.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Re-read the Romans text. Have you ever experienced a thriving community like that? Share about a community you have experienced that comes closest to this ideal. What are some things that tend to get in the way of achieving this kind of community?
- What are some gifts that you have been given? How have you used them to build community? Do you use different gifts in different communities? Explain.
- In your experience, has diversity strengthened or weakened communities? Explain.
- Re-read the James text and the verses from Proverbs. According to these verses, what are the differences between earthly and heavenly wisdom? Who is the wisest person you know? Share the wisest advice you have ever been given. Why and how is wisdom important in creating and maintaining Christian community?

APPLICATION: What wisdom can you glean from today's scripture to enhance your small group community? Do you feel claimed, situated, and safe? What action steps need to be taken to improve or maintain the health of your community? Identify one way YOU can make a positive difference and commit to doing it.