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"My name is Tyler Estelle, and I am a Chaplains Assistant in the Army. Before that, I was a dude in Louisiana serving his church as a youth/kid's leader and working for minimum wage at a carwash. My journey to Alaska was the roughest season of my life because the initial training for the Army caused me to isolate from God. After I made it to Alaska. The troubles that formed in me followed me there. I was prideful, I went out drinking and partying, and had bad depression that affected not only me but also those around me. I was shy to meet new people because of all the times I was traumatized at basic training. It wasn't until I got a car up here that I finally decided to get connected with an Assemblies of God community again. I remember the day I walked back to God. The fire of God's grace and truth really lit up when he introduced me to Tyler and his wife (Anna). The first time I met these two they showed so much passion in getting to know me. It felt as though they had always known me. What is important about this is how much love the Lord has shown me when I didn't deserve it, at this time of my life I decided to rededicate my life to Him. Now I am constantly doing stuff with people in the Chi-Alpha community and making new friends all the time and pretty soon going to step back into Youth Leadership. This was only because of what the Lord did in my life with His grace and truth."

(Tyler Scott) Out of everyone in my small group, Tyler Estelle has grown the most. As stated before, he struggled with isolation and friendships. This semester as he spends more and more time with our Chi-Alpha community, Tyler has shown characteristics of God's heart for people. There were two weeks we were not able to have small group and Tyler stepped up and provided opportunity to have small group without me and

my co-leader there. You can tell his heart is in ministry and is trying to find his calling. I do believe he is ready to take the next step and we have been equipping him week by week to lead a small group. In Chi Alpha, we look for people that are Faithful, Available, and Teachable (FAT). Tyler has grown in these areas and starting next semester he will be helping me and Alex, to lead our small group on a more weekly basis.