

# Why Church?

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## WE ARE ENCOURAGING EACH OTHER

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Hebrews 10:24 – 25  
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### MESSAGE NOTES

#### What is the greatest commandment?

*Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law? Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."*

— Matthew 22:36 – 40

*A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. — John 13:34*

*And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another — and all the more as you see the Day approaching.*

— Hebrews 10:24 – 25

Church is the environment to live out the "one-another's."

The Foundation is Love. Love supports us.

- Love one another (John 13:34, 15:12, 17; Romans 13:8; 1 Thessalonians 3:12, 4:9; 1 Peter 1:22; 1 John 3:11, 4:7, 11; 2 John 1:5)
- Through love, serve one another (Galatians 5:13)
- Tolerate one another in love (Ephesians 4:2)
- Be devoted to one another in love (Romans 12:10)

The Structure is Unity. Unity holds us together.

- Be at peace with one another (Mark 9:50)
- Don't grumble among one another (John 6:43)
- Be of the same mind with one another (Romans 12:16, 15:5)
- Accept one another (Romans 15:7)
- Wait for one another before beginning the Eucharist (1 Corinthians 11:33)
- Don't bite, devour, and consume one another (Galatians 5:15)
- Don't boastfully challenge or envy one another (Galatians 5:26)
- Gently, patiently tolerate one another (Ephesians 4:2)
- Be kind, tender-hearted, and forgiving to one another (Ephesians 4:32)
- Bear with and forgive one another (Colossians 3:13)
- Seek good for one another, and don't repay evil for evil (1 Thessalonians 5:15)
- Don't complain against one another (James 4:11, 5:9)
- Confess sins to one another (James 5:16)

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The Utilities are Humility. Humility empowers us.

- Give preference to one another in honor (Romans 12:10)
- Regard one another as more important than yourselves (Philippians 2:3)
- Serve one another (Galatians 5:13)
- Wash one another's feet (John 13:14)
- Don't be haughty; be of the same mind (Romans 12:16)
- Be subject to one another (Ephesians 5:21)
- Clothe yourselves in humility toward one another (1 Peter 5:5)

The Maintenance is Encouragement. Encouragement keeps us going.

- Do not judge one another, and don't put a stumbling block in a brother's way (Romans 14:13)
- Greet one another with a kiss (Romans 16:16; 1 Corinthians 16:20; 2 Corinthians 13:12)
- Bear one another's burdens (Galatians 6:2)
- Speak truth to one another (Ephesians 4:25)
- Don't lie to one another (Colossians 3:9)
- Comfort one another concerning the resurrection (1 Thessalonians 4:18)
- Encourage and build up one another (1 Thessalonians 5:11)
- Spur one another to love and good deeds (Hebrews 10:24)
- Pray for one another (James 5:16)
- Be hospitable to one another (1 Peter 4:9)

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## DISCUSSION

Hebrews 10:24 – 25; 3:12 – 13

- What was the main thing that stuck out to you from the message? Explain why it impacted you.
- Describe your first experience attending a Bible study. Did it seem strange or awkward? Why did you go? Why did you go back?
- In Hebrews 10:24 – 25 and 3:12 – 13, the term “one another” is used three different times. What instructions are given about how we are to relate to “one another?”
- What is the purpose in “encouraging one another?”
- The word “consider” means to ponder, observe or study. “Stimulate” means to spur or excite to action. Who are the people God has placed in your life to observe and think about?
- What personally spurs you on to good deeds and loving others?
- What could be some reasons for someone not wanting to speak into the lives of others by “considering” and “encouraging” them?
- Scripture tells us to “not give up meeting together.” What are the encouragements and benefits of meeting together that we cannot get on our own?
- What personally draws you to a body of believers? What turns you away?
- What would make those outside of your group want to be a part of it? In what way(s) would they see Christ?
- What was the last thing you did to encourage someone?
- Has there ever been a time in your life when someone else’s encouragement protected you from turning away from God? Have you ever been there for someone else?
- Satan often uses fears, insecurities, and a busy schedule to lure us away from Christian community. What typically tempts you to avoid “meeting together”?
- Where have you felt your heart hardening or becoming less responsive to God?
- Who is someone who could use your encouragement this week?
- Why do you think Jesus looks to meet certain needs only through His body, the church?