



Part 4: The Discipline of Community

Hebrews 10:24-25

1. The theme verse for this sermon series is **1 Timothy 4:7-8**. What do these verses say about the value of training yourself for godliness? _____

2. Why is it critical to understand that the first three disciplines (Scripture, Prayer, and Fasting) provide the passion to keep filling up your spiritual tank through the next three disciplines (Community, Serving, and Evangelism)? _____

3. God created us to be in relationship with Him and one another. Community is God's best for you, not isolation. With this in mind, what specific ways do you show that community/relationships with God and others are a priority in your life? _____

4. Read **Hebrews 10:24-25**.
 - a. What are some specific ways you can stir others up to love and good works? _____

 - b. The pandemic has challenged our ability to "meet together." What specific things can you commit to moving forward into this year to keep meeting together a high priority? _____

 - c. What does encouraging other people in your life look like today? Where are you doing that and how? _____

 - d. How can you use technology and social media to **enhance (not hinder)** your ability to engage in Christian community **for these purposes**? _____

 - e. The end of verse 25 says, "...and all the more as you see the Day drawing near." The "Day" is referring to the end of the world and the return of Christ. Why should this motivate us to engage in and highly value community more and more? _____

5. This passage says you should look at every interaction with someone as an opportunity to encourage them to become more loving and to do more good works for God's glory. Since people are encouraged/motivated in different ways, what are some ways we can discover how to best encourage the person in front of us? _____

6. In the sermon, we learned that God calls us to be intentional and engage relationships with both non-believers and believers. This takes discernment. What non-Christian relationships might be pulling you down spiritually and what Christian relationships are stirring you up to love and good works? _____

7. As you look ahead to 2021, here are 5 practical ideas to help you prioritize the DISCIPLINE OF COMMUNITY. Write down how, in 2021, you will use each one to grow closer to God and others:
- a. **PRIORITIZE SUNDAY SERVICE** – Prepare your hearts through prayer starting on Friday, don't schedule other things during service times, and get good rest the night before so that you don't miss what God has for you as we gather on Sunday. _____

 - b. **PRIORITIZE JOINING A COMMUNITY GROUP** – Building godly relationships by joining one of our many community groups here at Mosaic Community Church (via the Information Booth, website, Connect Form, or connecting with Darrin Yount). _____

 - c. **PRIORITIZE ATTENDING YOUR COMMUNITY GROUP** – Say NO to 1,000 things so you can say YES to this 1 thing. _____

 - d. **PRIORITIZE ENGAGING IN COMMUNITY GROUP** – Instead of engaging as little as possible – engage as much as possible. Fully benefit from opening up your life to others and getting to know those in your group. Give and receive grace and mercy toward one another. Don't run away. Stay engaged. _____

 - e. **PRIORITIZE WEEKLY CHRISTIAN RELATIONSHIPS BEYOND COMMUNITY GROUP** - Getting to know more deeply the people you meet on Sunday, in your CG, and relationships outside of both will give you a well-rounded spiritual community to sustain you through the hardest of times. _____
