

**Sermon Title:** To Community  
**Sermon Series:** Inviting – All In Together  
**Scripture:** Hebrews 10:24-25, 3:12-13  
**Speaker:** Pastor Ian Bonthron



**Philippians 1:6 ESV**

6 And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

**Without \_\_\_\_\_ in life, you will end up in a place you never imagined.**

**Hebrews 10:22-25 ESV**

22 let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. 23 Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. 24 And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, 25 not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

**Because Christ Died for Us:**

- Let us draw near
- Hold to hope
- Gather

**Invitation:**

1. **Make** \_\_\_\_\_ **Participation a** \_\_\_\_\_ **Priority**
2. **Be in** \_\_\_\_\_ **for each other's** \_\_\_\_\_

**Hebrews 10:24 ESV**

24 And let us **consider** how to stir up one another to love and good works,

**James 4:19 ESV**

19 We love because he first loved us.

**Philippians 2:3-8 ESV**

3 Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. 4 Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. 5 Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus 6 who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, 7 but emptied

himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. 8 And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

#### **Ephesians 4:32 ESV**

32 Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

#### **Hebrews 10:24-25 ESV**

24 And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, 25 not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

2. Be in \_\_\_\_\_ for each other's \_\_\_\_\_

### **What are Community Groups?**

Smaller groups of people gathering weekly for the priorities of being Word Centered, Others Focused, and Discipleship driven

#### **Group Priorities:**

- Word Centered
- Others Focused
- Discipleship Driven

*“The ultimate goal of a ‘sermon-based’ small group is simply to velcro people to the two things they will need most when faced with a need-to-know or need-to-grow situation: the Bible and other Christians.”*

—Larry Osborne – Sticky Church

#### **Hebrews 3:12-13 ESV**

12 Take care, brothers, lest there be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart, leading you to fall away from the living God. 13 **But exhort one another** every day, as long as it is called “today,” that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin.

*“Here’s what we do: We spend hours alone in our crowded, noisy, screen-lit worlds, we invest only sporadic time with acquaintances, and then we expect close friends to somehow appear in our busy lives... You will never have friends unless you are willing to consistently initiate.”*

—Jenny Allen – Finding Your People

**With whom am I \_\_\_\_\_ with for spiritual growth?**

## **Invitation #2**

**Be in \_\_\_\_\_ for each other's \_\_\_\_\_**

## **Community Group Questions**

### **Getting to Know You Questions**

1. Share a time when you were not intentional about where you were traveling. Where did you end up?
2. Do you find yourself more comfortable sitting and learning in a worship service or in a community group applying what you learned? Why?
3. What was the most intentional, spiritually-oriented discussion group you've been a part of? What made it so meaningful for you?

## **Into the Bible Questions**

### **1. Read Hebrews 10:19-25**

#### **Hebrews 10:19-25 ESV**

19 Therefore, brothers,[a] since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, 20 by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, 21 and since we have a great priest over the house of God, 22 let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. 23 Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. 24 And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, 25 not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

- a. What was something from the passage or sermon that surprised you, helped you, confused you, or bothered you?
- b. What are some of the habits that keep you from gathering?
- c. What does this passage tell us about God? People? Living to please God?
- d. Is there a command to follow or a sin to avoid?
- e. What does the context tell us about the passage?

## **2. Extra Reading Hebrews 3:12-15**

### **Hebrews 3:12-15 ESV**

12 Take care, brothers, lest there be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart, leading you to fall away from the living God. 13 But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called “today,” that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin. 14 For we have come to share in Christ, if indeed we hold our original confidence firm to the end. 15 As it is said,

“Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion.”

- a. How does this passage say to keep from sinning and having an unbelieving heart?
- b. In this passage, what are some evidences listed that show we are truly saved?
- c. What are some parallels from this passage and the passage in Hebrews 10:19-25. How does Hebrews 3:12-15 guide us to “stir up one another to love and good works”?
- d. Jot down any insights, questions, or key observations.

### **Application Questions**

1. Jenny Allen in her book *Finding your People* said “Here’s what we do: We spend hours alone in our crowded, noisy, screen-lit worlds, we invest only sporadic time with acquaintances, and then we expect close friends to somehow appear in our busy lives.” “You will never have friends unless you are willing to consistently initiate.” Do you agree with this statement?

2. What are the things standing in your way of prioritizing intentional community?

3. Most of the time, prayer requests revolve around surface issues. While these issues are important, Intentionally praying for each others real needs are a huge part of community groups. What are some ways we can grow in praying for each others real needs?

4. Why do you think we might struggle with having intentional spiritual conversations in group?

What are some ways we could grow in that?

5. What are some ways we can encourage each other during the week?