

## ONE ANOTHERING ONE ANOTHER, PART 2: SPUR ONE ANOTHER

Many of us have viewed faith as something we do alone. We might have said that it's private. But there's a limit to our faith growth when we go it alone. There's a deepening to our faith that we only experience together. When it comes to consistently growing our faith, "we" is greater than "me." Who's spurring on your faith and whose faith are you spurring on?

THE BIG IDEA: When we create circles and spur one another on, we are Fulfilling Jesus' Command.

# DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. Who has most shaped your faith journey? Share how they shaped your faith.
- 2. At one point, were you hesitant to join a small group? What factors (personality, church tradition, fear of the unknown, etc.) influenced you?
- 3. With your Bible or Bible App, <u>read Hebrews 10:22–25</u> aloud in your group.

Let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching. Hebrews 10:22-25 (NIV)

- 4. What is the key to not swerving in your Christian life? Would you say that you currently "hold unswervingly" to the hope you profess? Why or Why not?
- 5. Note the four *let us* statements in verses 22-25. What does each one mean? What incentives are given?
- 6. Is there anything in your life you're trying to do (or get through) on your own right now? How can this group spur you on or encourage you?
- 7. Note the author of Hebrews use of the words "we," "our," and "us." Share in your own words the picture these verses paint of pursuing God together.
- 8. Faith comes alive in community. Take some time to celebrate the ways this group has spurred one another on already. If you need a place to start, use The One Another List:

• Forgive one another	• Submit to one another	• Encourage one another
• Accept one another	• Restore one another	• Bear with one another
• Care for one another	• Carrv one another's burdens	• Honor one another

- *Care for one another* • Carry one another's burdens
- 9. When we isolate ourselves from each other, we inevitably isolate ourselves from God. What are some practical ways you can continue to spur one another on and encourage each other to grow in your faith?
- 10. A "we" can consistently go deeper in a way that you can't with just a "me." If we really believe this is true, how could it impact the time we spend in group? How can your group encourage one another in a deeper way? When your current group ends, how will you continue to make meeting together a priority even amid the busyness of life?

#### THINK ABOUT IT

We have all gone through difficult times where someone walked beside us, offering support and encouragement along the way. Even in the New Testament early church, it was not about attendance, it was about a community of believers investing in each other's lives and studying God's word. Community is where life change happens. This is where God leads us to "spur each other on to pursue love and good deeds."

## MOVING FORWARD

Simply believing in what God says isn't enough; doing is what makes all the difference. In community, we have the opportunity to do the *one anothers*—to encourage, support, and spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Don't give up meeting together!

# CHANGING YOUR MIND

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