

FOOD TIME: (30-45 minutes) – Remember to give some direction for this time.

MEETING TIME: (45 minutes)

As we have our back to church week, this passage of Scripture is so important because it really drives home the importance of fellowship in the church. Now that we are past the days of lockdowns, and Zoom meetings, we are seeing this more and more; a hunger and a desire for people to be in fellowship is growing. Paul's letter here emphasizes that importance and how we need to not just be in the Word, but we also need to be there to love on one another. That call is not just for fellowship either. The call to love on one another is a call to love on everyone because of God's over-arching love for us.

READ Hebrews 10: 19-25

19 Therefore, brethren, having boldness to enter the Holiness by the blood of Jesus, **20** by a new and living way which He consecrated for us, through the veil, that is, His flesh, **21** and having a high priest over the House of God, **22** let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled 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 one another in order to stir up love and good works, **25** not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.

FACILITATE Discussion Questions

1. How important is fellowship with others?
2. Verse 24 emphasizes considering one another. How can you do that more within a connect group?
3. What is the feeling that can happen when you are walking through something and someone comes alongside you in exhortation?
4. Knowing that feeling of someone exhorting you, how can you focus on exhorting others?
5. How can we use that fellowship that we have to further glorify God?

PRAY- Take the last 10 minutes to pray about the needs of the group.

APPLICATION- This topic of fellowship is so important because it solidifies the body of Christ. The body being the body of believers who come together in the name of God. That fellowship among others is so crucial for the reasons that were listed in this passage. As we gather together more in that fellowship, we grow not just with each other, but also with the Lord. **Matthew 18:20- "For where two or more are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them."** That fellowship together in His name, produces a bond that is unbreakable. As you head into a holiday break and are encountering others outside of your connect group, think about this passage, and think about what it means to exhort others. Focus on what you can do to help build others up in Christ and how you can honor and glorify God in everything that you do. It could be something simple like buying coffee for a co-worker, or inviting someone out to lunch. It could be talking to that family member that you haven't talked to in a while. It could be evangelizing the name of Christ to someone that you have never spoken to before. In whatever you do, look to how you can honor God in what you are doing.