

"Do Not Forsake Assembling Together ...in Small Groups" Hebrews 10:23-25



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Why emphasize this ministry?

- 1. Because of its vital (biblical) importance for every Christian
- 2. Because of its critical importance to the health and function of Crossroads

Hebrews 10:19-25

Since therefore, brethren, we have confidence to enter the holy place by the blood of Jesus,

by a new and living way which He inaugurated for us through the veil, that is, His flesh,

and since we have a great priest over the house of $\ensuremath{\mathsf{God}}\dots$

Let us draw near with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful;

Let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds,

not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another; and all the more as you see the day drawing near.



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1. The necessity of mutual encouragement for the sustaining and strengthening of our faith in Christ

"Take care, brethren, lest there should be inany one of you an evil, unbelieving heart, in falling away from the living God.

But encourage one another day after day, as long as it is called "Today", lest any one of you be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin."

Hebrews 3:12-13



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1. The necessity of mutual encouragement for the sustaining and strengthening of our faith in Christ



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2. The need to speak to each other in ways that cause us to have hearts of faith in the superior promises of God in Christ



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3. The small, regular, intentional meeting together is the context of this ministry of mutual encouragement



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Application

- 1. Make participation in small groups a priority for the sustaining and strengthening of your faith
- 2. In your small groups, seek to grow your ministry of mutual care and encouragement