



Better (Hebrews)

Sermon Questions | 04.19.15

Opener

Praise God for loving us so much that he sent his one and only Son to the earth to live as a man and give his life for us through his amazing sacrifice on the Cross. Praise him for his finished work on the Cross.

Praise God for forgiving us of our sins, and praise him for giving us new life in him. Pray for our fellowship as we gather together in community, that we will love, encourage and serve each other well. Consider offering communion to your group to reflect on the magnitude of Jesus' love, sacrifice, grace and the blessing of worshiping and praising him together in biblical community.

Read

Hebrews 10:19-25

Acts 2:42-47

2 Peter 3:18

Proverbs 27:17

John 13:34-35

Engaging with God in a Group

As a group, celebrate how God has drawn you near to himself and has held you unwaveringly to the hope you profess. He who promised is faithful.

Talk about how you, as the body of Christ, have “spurred one another on toward love and good deeds.” Share specific examples of how you have been encouraged and how you have served each other during this past year.

Read Acts 2:42-47 out loud and discuss the purposes that God has for your group. Example may include:

- “Growing in the grace and knowledge of Jesus” (2 Peter 3:18) and “sharpening” each other (Proverbs 27:17).
- Loving, caring and praying for each other (John 13:34-35)
- Reaching out beyond ourselves to develop relationships in our workplace and/or neighborhood, in order to show the love of Christ and share the Gospel and advance God’s Kingdom by the power of the holy Spirit.

Engaging with God Alone

Spurred on by the members of your group, privately consider other ways to develop relationships around you for the glory of Christ. Think of ways that are creative, traditional, thoughtfully and caring, filled with grace and perhaps even out of your comfort zone.

Closing thoughts and prayer

Thank God for answering your opening prayer and blessing you with the fellowship.

Pray for those at Bent Tree who are not connected in a small group, that God will provide relationships for them to “experience Life in Christ with others.”

Pray about opening your group up to others so they can enjoy the fellowship you enjoy. Consider participating in the next GroupConnect scheduled at Bent Tree. Contact your community pastor if you are interested.