***Better Together***

August 28, 2016 Hebrews 10:23-25

**A Common Bond**

1. Community begins with a shared experience.

*Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful.* **Hebrews 10:23**

1. Being in community takes thought.

*Let us consider…* **Hebrews 10:24**

1. Being in community helps us to grow.

*Let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds.* **Hebrews 10:24**

1. We are best when we commit to community.

*Not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another-all the more as you see the Day approaching.* **Hebrews 10:25**

Action

**Begin each morning with this prayer:**

*Lord, I will seek community*

*Face my fears*

*And grow in my relationship with you*

*Amen*

**Read study verse for the day.**

**Mediate on these questions:**

What are some good examples of people living in community?

What do you have to consider regarding your involvement in community?

What struggles do you have in committing to community?

Study

*(Weekly Readings that are related to the sermon theme)*

* **Monday Romans 12:4-5**
* **Tuesday Psalm 133:1**
* **Wednesday 1 Corinthians 1:10**
* **Thursday 1 Peter 3:8**
* **Friday Matthew 18:20**
* **Saturday Colossians 3:14**

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**Hebrews 4:12**

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September 4, 2016 Proverbs 27:17

**Our Own Good**

1. We want deep relationships but fear the risks involved.
2. There is danger in being ‘dull’.

*As iron sharpens iron…* **Proverbs 27:17**

1. We need others to make us sharp.

*So one person sharpens another.* **Proverbs 27:17**

1. The risk is worth the reward of growth.

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*Amen*

**Read study verse for the day.**

**Mediate on these questions:**

What are the fears you have in building new relationships?

Where in your life are you ‘dull’?

Who will you begin a relationship with?

Study

*(Weekly Readings that are related to the sermon theme)*

* **Monday Proverbs 13:20**
* **Tuesday John 15:13**
* **Wednesday Hebrews 10:24-25**
* **Thursday Ephesians 4:2-3**
* **Friday 2 Corinthians 5:17-18**
* **Saturday Genesis 2:18**

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September 11, 2016 Acts 17:11

**Learning Together**

1. The simple believe anything, but the wise give thought to their steps. ~Proverbs 14:15

*Now the Berean Jews were of more noble character than those in Thessalonica…* **Acts 17:11**

1. Accepting the gospel is an exciting leap of faith.

*For they received the message with great eagerness…*

1. Faith should be examined personally and in community.

*And examined the Scriptures everyday to see if what Paul said was true.*

What does this mean for me?

What does this mean for us?

1. Grow groups are a catalyst for change and growth in your personal life and community.

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**Read study verse for the day.**

**Mediate on these questions:**

How often do you just accept what you hear in the media without researching the truth?

How many answers have you personally sought out regarding your faith?

What are you biggest questions?

Study

*(Weekly Readings that are related to the sermon theme)*

* **Monday 2 Timothy 3:14-15**
* **Tuesday 2 Timothy 3:16-17**
* **Wednesday Psalm 119:11**
* **Thursday Psalm 119:1-5**
* **Friday Proverbs 3:1-2**
* **Saturday 1 Peter 3:15**

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