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**Main Idea: Intentionally encouraging one another as we gather for worship is our Christian duty.**

**Breaking the Ice**

* How has this Life Group encouraged me over the past three months?

**Excavating the Truth**

* Reread Hebrews 10:19–25
* The word “stimulate/encourage” (NASB) in v. 24 often has a negative sense and is translated as “irritate” or “exasperate.” How does such a strong negative flavor aid our understanding of the positive use in this verse?
* Why would the writer of Hebrews place “encouraging” (“exhorting/comforting”) in contrast to “not forsaking our own assembling together” in v. 25?

**Applying the Truth Personally**

* “Let us consider” implies careful observation and mental attention. How can I improve in my consideration of stirring others to “love and good deeds”?
* “Forsaking” in verse 25 indicates wrongful abandonment. In what ways do I rationalize any absences from church as less severe than “forsaking” and why?

**Applying the Truth Congregationally**

* How should an intentional concern for mutual encouragement change our thinking about our Sunday morning gatherings?
* How does our future day of judgment motivate us to encourage one another?

**Digging Deeper**

* All three of the “Let us” commands of verses 22, 23, and 24 are based on the all-sufficient sacrifice of Christ. How does the sacrifice of our Savior generate a desire to “stimulate one another to love and good deeds”?
* John 13:34–35 lists love for one another as the distinguishing mark of a Christian. Why then would the author if Hebrews urge us to “love *and good works*” in verse 25?

**Looking Ahead**

* Read Psalm 94 daily.