



**Date: August 31, 2025**

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**Sermon Text: Hebrews 10:24–25**

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**Sermon Title: Intentional Encouragement**

**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 of Hebrews urge us to “love *and good works*” in verse 25?

### **Looking Ahead**

- Read Psalm 94 daily.