Encourage One Another

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**Life Group Discussion Questions:**

1. Thinking back on this week’s sermon, was there a particular point or passage that challenged you, confused you, or caught your attention?
2. Ask your group members to share special stories from their experience where they have been greatly encouraged by the words or actions of someone.
3. **Read Hebrews 10:1-10.** Take a moment to pray for clarity on these verses. Now, discuss the beauty of the transition from the Law to the New Covenant. How does the Old Testament history prove the need for the New Covenant?
4. **Read Hebrews 10:19-25.** Scripture teaches that prior to the coming of Christ, only the high priest, once a year, was permitted to enter the Most Holy Place. And, he did so with great fear of the Lord. How does that contrast with verse 19?
5. As we encourage one another, first we must help each other to “***draw near***”. What does this phrase direct us to do, and how do we assist one another to do it?
6. Next, we must help one another to ***hold fast and push one another to the truth.*** Read again, verse 10:23. For Christians, the truth is simple, Christ died for us so that we may spend eternity with God. We know this to be true and yet many of us find it difficult to share this message with non-believers. Why is this so?
7. **Read Hebrews 10:24.** As we read that we must ***stir up one another towards love and good deeds,*** we must acknowledge that some people are easy to love and some… not so much.

**Next Steps:** How can we love even those people that are not fair, kind and decent toward us? In private, or with the group, identify how you will take steps to begin loving such a person as Christ loves us.

**Prayer Thought:** Lord, we can look to Jesus, our Savior, to see many examples of encouragement. Through his sinless life, we can see and feel Your unconditional love. We pray that you would direct our steps toward the encouragement of those around us: our Christian brothers and sisters, our unchurched family and friends and even our enemies. Father, present us opportunities to serve in this way and give us the wisdom to do so in a manner that is pleasing to you.