

Supernatural Loving Community

Each of us has been born with a deep need to know we are loved and that we belong.

- Jesus desires to draw us into His Supernatural Loving Community. John 17:21-26
- Impact: (1.) The lost believe in Jesus. (2.) People know that God loves them.

Why bother doing church? - We share a mutual need and responsibility. Hebrews 10:24

- "to stir up one another" - We're called to incite a righteous riot in each other.
- "to love" - Selfless love whose paradigm is the cross/the Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Jn. 4:10
- "and good works" - Works done for the benefit of others - Attract people to Christ.

Some choose to live their lives separate from the fellowship of believers. Hebrews 10:25

- We put ourselves in danger when we choose not to regularly meet together.
- There are a lot of reasons we can come up with for not going to church regularly:
(Busy lives - Idolatry - Pettiness - Laziness - Sin - Woundedness - Failure)

We have a mutual responsibility to keep coming together for "encouraging one another".

- "so that none of you will be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin." Hebrews 3:13
- Look around the worship center - Our spiritual health is dependent on each other.

Join the powerful revolution of encouragement - You can change a life. Hebrews 10:25

- Small gift - Smile - Act of kindness - Social media - Be present - Cards - Prayer.
- The Dutchman factor: Allow people to bless you or you'll deprive them of a blessing.
- Encouragement Bookmarks: Consider filling one out before you leave here today.

Further Study and Pondering:

1. Tell of a time when someone encouraged you in a big way. How did it impact you?
2. Evaluate: To what degree does your life currently incite a "righteous riot" in others?
3. What are your top 2 most-likely reasons for ending up not going to church regularly?
4. Why is it so very dangerous to isolate ourselves from fellow believers?
5. Further study - Encourage one another: (Deuteronomy 3:27-28; Acts 11:22-24; 15:32; Romans 12:6-13; 15:4-6; Ephesians 6:21-22; 1 Thessalonians 3:1-3; 5:11-14; Hebrews 3:13)
6. Next Sunday, get another "Encouragement Bookmark" and make somebody's day.
7. Prayer: Ask God to impress on you one person that needs your encouragement this week. Follow His promptings and reach out to encourage them in tangible ways.

The Power of Encouragement - Change a life!