



## **Message Reflections**

January 17, 2021

***And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.***

**Hebrews 10:24-25**

Our world today puts a lot of pride in individualism and in doing things ourselves, but we can see the brokenness of our world all around us and the loneliness this has led to. God teaches us in His Word that we are not meant to do life alone. We need to spur each other on and encourage each other in our spiritual journeys and our daily activities.

- Think of a time when you've felt truly encouraged. What led to that feeling? Was it through quiet time with God in His Word? Was it when you have shared your life with others?

### **Read Acts 2:42-47.**

The early church lived together in authentic community. They shared all aspects of their lives: eating together, fellowship, learning, and praying together. In Galatians 6:2, Paul reinforces this and exhorts us to “bear one another’s burdens, and therefore fulfill the law of Christ.”

- Who do you share your life with? Are you comfortable talking with them about your spiritual life?
- Are you willing to share your burdens with others, and to help them bear theirs? Have you considered that asking for help may actually give others a chance to love?

The law of Christ requires us to love one another and to share life together. This is God’s design for the church, and a way He cares for us by how we care for each other. If you don’t have people to share in your spiritual journey, pray for God to lead you to someone and consider if a new group opportunity would be a way to seek this encouragement in your life.