

PREACHING CURRICULUM

Encourage One Another

Heb 3:13; 10:24-25/1 Thess. 4:18; 5:11

1 REVIEW THE SERMON

LEADER NOTES: Encourage your members to pull out their notes and review the main points of the sermon. (9-12 mins)

Hebrew 3:12-14. According to this passage, why are we to encourage and exhort one another?

What are some common lies mentioned in the sermon that can lead to an unbelieving heart?

Hebrews 10:24-25. What is necessary in order for us to “stir up” one another? What are we “stir” one another to?

1 Thess. 4:18; 5:11. What are the “words” (truths) we are to encourage one another with in this passage (read 1 Thess. 4:13-17; 5:9-10)? Why is it so important to encourage one another to look ahead to what is to come?

2 ASSESS YOUR LIFE

LEADER NOTES: Evaluate the condition of your lives in relation to the truth from God's Word. Encourage heart examination. (12-15 mins)

What common lies mentioned in the sermon have you struggled with in the past (or presently) that have caused you to struggle with discouragement and unbelief?

Do you deliberately spend more time with those who can encourage and exhort you, or with those who “distort” things? What struggles have you had in your walk with Christ when there has been a poor imbalance in this area? What things can keep us from having/developing these kinds of relationships?

Can you name 3-5 people who you are around on a regular basis that encourage you in your faith and point out “blind spots” that you may have?

3 APPLY THE TRUTH

LEADER NOTES: Create a list of ways to close the gap between your lives and the truth of the Bible. Be practical and intentional. (12-15 mins)

How can you be more deliberate about spending time with those who can regularly encourage and exhort you in your walk, and that you can encourage and exhort?

How can you “stir up” other believers that you are around regularly? How can your life better show the hope you have in Christ for unbelievers that you are around?

4 COMMIT THIS WEEK

LEADER NOTES: Call your small group members to make a commitment and get the group working together to follow-up with each other. (9-12)

Will you commit to encouraging others often?

Will you commit to developing relationships that will hold you accountable, encourage and exhort you, and that God can use you to do the same in? How can we as a life group improve in this?