

Home Church Questions

What's new?

1. How was everyone's thanksgiving?
2. Has anything you've experienced in the last month or so been relevant to the message on Sunday?
3. What are your thoughts on the loneliness epidemic facing North Americans?

What do you think?

Read Hebrews 10:23-25

1. How do these words challenge, encourage or comfort you?

What's the point?

1. Go through the takeaways. What stands out?
2. Are there any areas of life which you have experienced, or are presently experiencing Jesus' healing through a community? It doesn't need to be the church.

Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. (2 Corinthians 3:17)

Together

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THE BIG IDEA: The church living out its full potential becomes a remedy for loneliness.

Getting Started

Which of the 5: Trust, Grow, Give, Go, Together, is the most difficult for you?

Have you heard of the loneliness epidemic?
What do you think of when you hear the term lonely?

Pressures and Fears

Fear of Shame and Embarrassment

- We are told: Is your life difficult? Don't stress, there is a filter for that.

Fear of Taking Risks due to Fear of Failure

- If we have these standards that say, "the end goal of this risk is going to be complete happiness, or harmony, or peace, or trust, or these other existential things" – no amount of risk will bring that.

Fear of Being Vulnerable

- Being together with people requires vulnerability – to open ourselves up to relationship is to open ourselves up to the potential of rejection.

The Book of Hebrews

Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. 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. (10:23-25)

Takeaways

1. In times when we feel pulled and stretched, be arrested by the hope found in Jesus.
2. There are times that we need to be (παροξυσμός) spurred on towards love and good deeds so that we do not withdraw into ourselves.
3. An honest group is a life-giving group.
4. When we give up meeting with each other, we are losing out on a great gift!
5. Where loneliness is often caused by fear of being known, a community of love can be healing.
6. Jesus went to the lonely.