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On Purpose

Hebrews 10:23–25 (ESV) 23 Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. 24 And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, 25 not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

Four critical actions for Community Christian Church to fulfill it's purpose:

Attend a service to experience God.

Invite a friend to share hope.

Take a next step to follow Jesus.

Give generously....to rescue others.

Being On Purpose in this place, means doing those four things together, always.

John Maxwell: "People have uphill hopes but downhill habits"

Attend a service to experience God.

- **Just show up!**
- A successful comedian once said 80% of success is just showing up.
- The problems come when we don't showing up.
- When it comes to faith: not showing up means missing out on what God could be doing, and wants to be doing in your life.
- Even in the church's earliest days, some people had stopped showing up.
- So the writer tries to motivate this group of Jesus followers.

Showing up helps us hold on to hope

- **vs 23: 23** Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful.
- **hope** here, is not a feeling, but refers to the objects of hope. It's about what we know to be reality because of what we believe.
- So it's this: *"Let us hold on to our confession of faith in the unshakeable things we hope for."*
- So what's our confession of faith? It's familiar: "I believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the Living God."
- Research shows how important hope is. You can have a lot of things going against you health wise, but still live a long life if you have hope.

"Better to eat Twinkies in hope than to eat broccoli in despair." -John Ortberg

- Hope is an essential tool for life.
- He writes: hold "tightly" ...the phrase is "hold fast"
- He writes: hold "without wavering" ...it means "unbendingly"
- The thing we hold onto tightly, unbendingly is our confession.

Showing up helps us motivate one another

- *"The church is the gym of the soul" –Sylvester Stallone*
- Being around the right people is motivating. God designed the church to be the same way.
- **10:24-25:** *I want you to constantly think of ways to motivate one another to love & good works....not neglecting to meet together.*
- We ask this: *Should I go to church today?*
- The writer is telling us that there's a better question: *How can I help someone else at church today?*
- Your presence is the motivation people need. But it's not possible if **you're not here.**

Showing up helps us encourage one another

- Sunday morning is the huddle you don't really need, but you need more than anything.
- We can't survive our faith without this meeting together on a Sunday.
- The church has the power to shape your life, but it only happens if you show up.
- A study once disclosed that if both Mom and Dad attend church regularly, 72 percent of their children remained faithful in attendance throughout their lives. If only Dad attends regularly, 55 percent remain faithful. If only Mom attends regularly, 15 percent remain faithful. If neither attend regularly, only 6 percent remain faithful.
- **10:25... *don't neglect to meet together, as is the habit of some***
- Here's God's promise to you if you'll just show up: you'll never regret being here with his people in front of his word: ***God will give you something, always!***
- **10:23...*He who promised is faithful!*** Part of what that means is that time together as followers is never wasted time.
- There will be more faith...because God is faithful. There will be more hope...because the Spirit gives hope. There will be more love...because Jesus is love.

The flame of faith is kept alive in us...when we just show up.

Attend a service to experience God. Every one of us. Every week. On purpose together.

Father, We're so thankful that we can trust your promises...and that gives us unbelievable hopes. Help us to think up new ways to help each other towards those hopes. Towards more love, more faith, more good works. May we always encourage one another to see, in a fresh way, Jesus, the one who gives us life, and is preparing a place for us to live that life forever. In the name of the one who gives hope by his death, burial, and resurrection, the victorious Jesus, we pray, Amen.