

FOOD FOR THOUGHT *(continued)*

5. Jeremiah said that “*When you drift from PEOPLE of faith, you drift from FAITH.*” That means that when we isolate from each other, we inevitably isolate ourselves from God. How have you seen that dynamic play out in your own life?

6. Read **Hebrews 10:24-25**. As you reflect again on these verses, we see that faith comes alive in community! We are to “instill courage... motivate one another to live out our faith.” Is there anything you are trying to get through on your own during this season? Who do you need to reach out to for support, care, or encouragement?

7. Believing something doesn't make a difference in your life, but DOING something does! It's not enough to BELIEVE in community, you have to PARTICIPATE in community for it to make a difference. What is your plan to participate in community this season?

8. What might God be asking you to do with this message? How can we help?

MESSAGE NOTES

Why Does It Even Matter // Week 4

Why does community even matter?

1. _____ something doesn't make a difference in your life, but _____ something does!

2. You cannot follow Jesus in _____.

VERSE TO REMEMBER:

*So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other. Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples. **John 13:34-35***

3. Following Jesus is both _____ & _____.

*And so, dear brothers and sisters, we can boldly enter heaven's Most Holy Place because of the blood of Jesus. By his death, Jesus opened a new and life-giving way through the curtain into the Most Holy Place. And since we have a great High Priest who rules over God's house, let us go right into the presence of God with sincere hearts fully trusting him. **Hebrews 10:19-22***

*Let us hold tightly without wavering to the hope we affirm, for God can be trusted to keep his promise. Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near. **Hebrews 10:24-25***

4. Church is about _____, not _____.

*So now you Gentiles are no longer strangers and foreigners. You are citizens along with all of God's holy people. You are members of God's family. **Ephesians 2:19***

BOTTOM LINE: When you drift from _____ of faith, you drift from _____!



PERSONAL NOTES *(continued)*

WE CAN DO MORE TOGETHER!

WE have multiple serving opportunities available for you to sign up for in our lobby! As we head into this next school year, we want to make sure that we have fully engaged leaders helping others find and follow Jesus! AND... if EVERYBODY does SOMETHING... then NOBODY has to do EVERYTHING! Consider joining the team of fully engaged leaders who are helping people find and follow Jesus!

“Be doers of the word and not hearers only...” *James 1:22*



FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Our groups are taking a break for the summer. Use these questions for personal study and reflection during the summer season, and our groups will launch again in the fall!

INTRODUCTION

This week, we asked why does community even matter? Use these questions to dig deeper into that topic and then JOIN A GROUP when our catalog comes out next week!

1. Can you remember a time you were on a team? Sports team? Team at work? What was the best part of being on a team?

2. Your relationship with God isn't just about your VERTICAL relationship with him, it's also about your HORIZONTAL relationship with other people. In what ways have you grown in your faith because of your relationship with someone else? Are there any relationships with others that you need to restore?

3. Read **Ecclesiastes 4:9-12**. In these verses, King Solomon uses a journey as a metaphor for life. What lessons do you discover from these verses as it relates to never walking alone?

4. Is there ANYONE who has permission in your life to help you live out your faith by instilling courage and asking the tough questions? Who are those people for you?