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MESSAGE APPLICATION Guide

Please feel free to pick and choose questions that relate best to you and your Life Group.

I Love My Church Week 2

ICE-BREAKER: What are some of the things that you keep in your back yard, so others won't see? How does this metaphor apply to the church?

What are some "fences" that separate us from God and each other? How have you been able to get beyond the fence and into someone else's "back yard"? Who has been allowed into your "back yard"?

Who helped you the most on your spiritual journey? Did this person know they had helped you? How well did you know them personally? Are you still in contact with this person? How do you think your journey would have looked different if this person had not been there for you?

READ: Hebrews 10:22-25

In what ways can you hold on to your faith without wavering? Can this be accomplished without the encouragement of the church?

If we lived out the truth that everyone who sits around us in church needs some kind of encouragement, how would our actions change?

How can we encourage one another spiritually?

READ: Romans 12:9-10

Think about a moment in your life when you felt supported and encouraged. How can you reproduce that experience-for someone in our church?

Describe the best context or environment for ensuring that, in a congregation our size, members are loved, cared for, and encouraged?

What can you do to make it easier for someone to experience community in the church? On a scale of 1-10, how important is this to you? To others?

What steps are you willing to take to be more intentional about helping people in their walk with Jesus?