

Part 3

The Drift

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ICEBREAKER: Tell about the worst job you ever had or the worst experience you ever had at a job?

MAIN POINT:

Group Life exists to help people connect relationally and grow spiritually.

EXPLORATION:

- 1. Read Hebrews 3:12. What is the author of Hebrews calling the recipients of this letter to do? How do you accomplish what the author is calling the recipients to do?**

(Context clues - There are several theories as to who the author of Hebrews is, but no one really knows for sure. Some say Paul, others say Apollos, Barnabas, or Priscilla. Regardless, the author is writing to Hebrew Christians for the purpose of building them up to have a strong community of faith, which is what Group Life is all about)

2. Read Hebrews 3:13. What does the author mean by “daily”? What does it mean to “encourage” one another? Use the context clues below for help.

(Context clues - the word “encourage” or “exhort” is the Greek word, παρακαλειτε which means to implore, strong urge, or appeal to. Cross reference Hebrews 3:13 with John 14:26. “Advocate” or “Helper” is the same word as “encourage” or “exhort” in Hebrews 3:13)

3. Read Hebrews 3:14. According to this passage, what is the glue that holds Christian community together? How would that glue affect how you relate to those in a biblical community? How about if those in the group wronged you?

4. Discuss the quote from Dietrich Bonhoeffer’s book, *Life Together*:

“Nothing can be more cruel than the leniency which abandons others to their sin. Nothing can be more compassionate than the severe reprimand which calls another Christian in one’s community back from the path of sin.”

APPLICATION:

1. Do you have biblical community? If you do, How can you help to “encourage one another” in that group? If you don’t, where can you begin to seek community?

2. Where might you be being deceived by sin’s deceitfulness. Be honest with yourself. What are you telling yourself lately about that sin? How is it deceiving you?

3. Who can you let in your life to help you in this fight?

4. Pray for the people of RPCC to connect relationally and grow spiritually.