

## OPEN

Go around and let everyone answer...

Tell about one or two people who have been special encouragers in your life?

## DIG

The writer of the book of Hebrews shows that there are several things we do specifically because Jesus paid the price for our sins.

### Read Hebrews 10:23-25 and look some of those ways to live.

*"...<sup>23</sup>Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. <sup>24</sup>And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, <sup>25</sup>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." (NIV)*

How would you explain or describe the hope that you profess?

What does it mean to "spur" another person to do anything?

When have you needed someone to spur you on to do something good?

What bad habit had some people in those days created?

How do people today fall into the same habit?

What are some long-term results of this habit?

What does it mean to encourage a person?

What are some practical ways to encourage others to persevere in their faith?

What day is approaching that might add urgency to encourage one another?

## APPLY

Who have you intentionally encouraged recently?

What specific people can you encourage in some way this week?

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## Leaders

### Sermon Series

This discussion guide comes from the current lesson in a series called "One Another." It is a challenge to imitate Christ in the way we treat one another as fellow human beings.

### Big Idea

The lesson this week is a strong reminder of the value of meeting together and encouraging other believers on a regular basis.

### Prayer

Pray for individuals who may need encouragement to stay faithful to Christ. Ask God to show you people like this who can be invited to come to your group.

### Group Discussion Reminder

An easy trap in group settings is to fall into a culture of complaining. Group leaders must respectfully and gently change the topic if participants fall into a habit of complaining about some church, church experience, or some other believer. Negative experiences must be discussed, but we must intentionally help people see the "good news" of the Gospel.