

# ALL IN

## Intentional Relationships

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Hebrews 10:22-25

### INVITATION #2:

Connect and commit to a \_\_\_\_\_

- Our culture is filled with \_\_\_\_\_ casual relationships.
- Our culture is filled with people who live lives of \_\_\_\_\_ isolationism.

What is your strategy for helping other Christians grow?

What is your practice for regular, intentional, spiritually-oriented conversations with other Christ-followers?

...<sup>22</sup>let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water. <sup>23</sup>Let us hold unwaveringly 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.

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### Responses to the Death of Christ:

- Draw near to God with assurance (v. 22)
- Hold tight to hope with confidence (v. 23)
- Be \_\_\_\_\_ instruments of change with each other (v. 24)
- Prioritize gathering together with other Christians (v. 25)

Being intentional instruments of change in each other's lives happens best in \_\_\_\_\_ not \_\_\_\_\_.

### Community Group Priorities:

- \_\_\_\_\_ the Bible to life
- \_\_\_\_\_ authentic relationships
- \_\_\_\_\_ for each other

### What Community Groups Provide:

**Community Groups provide connectedness for "need-to-\_\_\_\_\_" and "need-to-\_\_\_\_\_" moments.**

- Teachers assume if people hear something, they will \_\_\_\_\_ it.
- Pastors assume if people learn something, they will \_\_\_\_\_ it.
- Community Group puts you with people mutually committed to each other, so when the "need-to-know" or "need-to-grow" moments of life come, you will be connected with people who will help you to know and grow.

**Community Groups provide positive \_\_\_\_\_.**

- To be intentional instruments of change in each other's lives, we need to \_\_\_\_\_.
- The best way to be intentional instruments of change in each other's lives is to spend time around \_\_\_\_\_ who are \_\_\_\_\_.

**Community Groups provide a \_\_\_\_\_ to be open and honest.**

- In a large church, Community Groups help you to not hide.

The \_\_\_\_\_ you have followed Christ, the \_\_\_\_\_ you may need a Community Group.

If you don't have another strategy for weekly, intentional, spiritually-oriented conversation and prayer, would you try our strategy?

If you do have that already, would you consider helping others experience the same?

### Discussion Starters:

- Why are most of us more comfortable sitting in rows than in circles?
- What was the most intentional, spiritually-oriented discussion group you've been a part of? What made it so meaningful for you?
- (For Community Groups): As our group looks toward next fall, how could we improve at being intentional instruments of change in each other's lives?