

Encouragement as a Way of Life



2017 Congregational Theme

The Church's Forgotten Priority & Exhortation

Hebrews 10:25

“...Not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.”

Introduction

- Encouragement to “not forsake” the assembly---why?
- Let’s talk about habits
- 3 Exhortations unique to the assembly



Let Us Draw Near

Important concept in Hebrews letter

- Heb. 4:16—to throne of grace
- Heb. 7:25—to God through Jesus
- Heb. 10:1—to God through sacrifices



Let Us Draw Near

- **Heb. 11:6**—by faith
- **Heb. 12:18**—Israel could not!
- **Heb. 12:22**—you have drawn near to!



Let Us Hold Fast

- **Remember last week's lesson: steadfast & firm! Same idea!**
- **Confession of our hope without wavering!**
- **He who promised is faithful**



Let Us Consider

- **Heb. 3:1**—consider Jesus
- Example of “consider”—**Luke 12:24-27**
- How to stir up for two things:
 - To love and good works
 - Both are intricately intertwined.



Conclusion

This is a **message of encouragement** so that we **not throw away** our confidence, so that we **engage** our high priest in his divinity and humanity, so that we **not fall into the habit** of not meeting together...**because** the Day is drawing near...I take to be the appearing of Christ