

Closing the Spiritual Gap

SERMON NOTES

Week 2 February 13, 2022

“Circle Up”

Hebrews 10:19–25



I. Introduction

- A. There are two principals that hold true for exercise and our _____ journeys.
 - a. Believing doesn't make a difference, it's doing that makes the difference.
 - b. Accountability counts.
- B. You can't follow Jesus in _____.
- C. Paul tells us what it looks like to _____ out your faith in community:
 - Forgive one another, accept one another, care for one another, encourage one another, submit to one another, restore one another, carry one another's burdens, bear with one another.

II. Life in Community (Hebrews 10:19-25)

- A. The writer of Hebrews says we need to _____ one another on towards love and good deeds.
- B. There is a divinely designed correlation between community and _____ to God.
- C. If you isolate yourself from the body of Christ, you will eventually feel _____ from the Father.
- D. Encourage simply means to instill _____ in someone.

III. Application

- A. Reflection question: Is there anyone in your life, is there a group of people in your life, that are _____ you on?
- B. Small _____ challenge:
 - a. Not in a group – Commit to one short term small group this year.
 - b. Participate in short term groups – Commit to an ongoing small group.
 - c. Participating in an ongoing group – Commit to leading a new group.

Things I Would Like to Remember About This Message



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INTRODUCTION

We all believe exercise is good for us, but we don't always head to the gym or go on a run. But to get in shape we have to exercise. We have to get off the couch and do it. And, isn't it easier when we have someone to keep us accountable? The same is true of our faith; we can only get so far on our own. Simply believing in what God says isn't enough; doing is what makes all the difference. So how do we go from just believing to doing?

Monday: Monday: Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

Is there something you've accomplished as part of a group or team? Why couldn't you have achieved that result on your own?

Tuesday: Matthew 22:34-40

Your relationship with God isn't just about your vertical relationship with him; it's also about your horizontal relationships with other people. Have you ever grown in your faith because of your relationship with someone else?

Wednesday: I Thessalonians 5:9-11

Have you given anyone permission to help you practically live out your faith by asking you tough questions, inspiring you to be courageous, and then following up? Do you also help others put their belief into action? How?

Thursday: Hebrews 10:19-25

What stands out to you about this passage? Is there anything in your life you're trying to do (or get through) on your own right now? Is there anyone who can encourage you and spur you on?

Friday: John 14:5-9

Jesus told Philip "if you have seen me you have seen the father." After Jesus' ascension into heaven, Paul declares the 'church' (you and I) is the Body of Christ. During the sermon, Pastor Eric said "when we isolate ourselves from each other, we inevitably isolate ourselves from God." Do you agree or disagree with this statement? Have you seen this happen in your spiritual life or the life of someone else?

MOVING FORWARD

In community, we have the opportunity to encourage, support, and spur one another on toward love and good deeds. You can't follow Jesus in isolation. So, is there anyone in your life, is there a group of people in your life, that are spurring you on? Do not give up meeting together!

Answers to the sermon notes: IA) faith, B) isolation, C) live. IIA) spur, B) faithfulness, IIC) isolated, D) courage. IIIA) spurring, B) group.