**Life Group Study Guide: Loved what you heard on Sunday? Want to go deeper? The life group study guide will help you unpack what you heard on Sunday while diving deeper into God's word.**

* *Have you ever given, or been given, a not so encouraging response to a performance, haircut, outfit? Share a story!*
* *Who do you know that is a great encourager of people? How do they go about encouraging others?*
* *What insight, observation, or principle from this weekend’s message did you find most helpful, insightful, or troubling? Explain.*

**Everyone needs encouragement!** *Life is tough, every day we are faced with the reality of living in a broken and sinful world. Real encouragement often means more than a pat on the back and the words “hang in there, it will get better.” Our God is a God who encourages the discouraged. As the family of God, we are called to encourage one another! In this study we will discover why biblical encouragement in the family of God is so vital to our spiritual health and growth!*

**Start digging. Read Hebrews 10:19-25**

* *How is your personal confidence and your ability to encourage others associated? Have you ever noticed it is hard to encourage others when our confidence meter is low?*
* *What does Hebrews 10:19-22 say we are to have confidence in? What are the natural results of this confidence? What do you tend to place your confidence in?*
* *What does it look like to have confidence in Jesus? Is there a difference between the world’s view of confidence and having a spiritual confidence in Jesus? What fruit is produced from both?*
* *How have the promises of God been an encouragement to your life? How is Hebrews 10:23 an encouragement to you?*
* *What action is the church called to in Hebrews 10:24? How do you practically do this on a daily basis?*
* *How often do you find yourself considering others? Is this easy or hard for you?*
* *Why is it important to be consistent in meeting with fellow believers for the sake of mutual encouragement? How well have you done this?*
* *Hebrews 10:25 declares “the day is drawing near” what day is that? Why would it be so important to encourage the church as this day draws near?*

**Digging Deeper**

* *What is one insight, observation, or truth that you are taking away from this study that you did not previously have prior to this study?*
* *What is one intentional step that you will commit to taking this week as a result of what you have learned from this study?*

I LVE MY CHURCH

“Encourage One Another” | June 11, 2017

**John 16:33 (ESV)** *In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.”*

OUR GOD IS AN **ENCOURAGING GOD**.

**2 Corinthians 7:6-7 (NLT)** *When we arrived in Macedonia, there was no rest for us. We faced conflict from every direction, with battles on the outside and fear on the inside. 6But God, who encourages those who are discouraged, encouraged us by the arrival of Titus. 7His presence was a joy, but so was the news he brought of the encouragement he received from you. When he told us how much you long to see me, and how sorry you are for what happened, and how loyal you are to me, I was filled with joy!*

THREE WAYS TO ENCOURAGE ONE ANOTHER:

1. ENCOURAGE ONE ANOTHER **DAILY**.

**Hebrews 3:13 (NIV)***But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called “Today,” so that none of you may be hardened by sin’s deceitfulness.*

* EVERY TIME YOU THINK SOMETHING GOOD, **SAY IT**!

**Hebrews 10:19-25 (ESV)** *And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, 25not 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.*

1. ENCOURAGE ONE ANOTHER **SPIRITUALLY.**

***Romans 1:10-12 (NLT)****One of the things I always pray for is the opportunity, God willing, to come at last to see you. 11For I long to visit you so I can bring you some spiritual gift that will help you grow strong in the Lord. 12When we get together, I want to encourage you in your faith, but I also want to be encouraged by yours.*

* Pray for one another.
* Ask, “How are you doing spiritually?”

1. ENCOURAGE **YOURSELF** IN THE LORD.

* OUR LIVES MOVE IN THE DIRECTION OF OUR **STRONGEST THOUGHTS**.

**Romans 8:5-6(ESV)***For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. 6For to set the mind on the flesh is* ***death****, but to set the mind on the Spirit is* ***life and peace.***

**Next Steps:**

* Preach the Gospel to yourself.
* Memorize scripture.
* Journal

**Notes:**