

Calvary Reformation Youth Sermon Notes

The Church, Encouraging and Taking Care of One Another T.O.D.A.Y.

April 28, 2024

Holy Text (KJV): Hebrews 10:23-25 Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;) ²⁴ And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: ²⁵ Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.

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Sermon Specific Questions

Question for Children: What does it mean to love one another like Jesus loves us? (John 13:34-35)

Question for Children: Why is it important to not miss church gatherings? (Hebrews 10:25)

Question for Children: How can we be a light for the world? (Matthew 5:14-16)



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A few thoughts from the text.

- This text speaks to our need to hold tightly to each other as we walk together in Christ.
- Your faith could be shattered without the support of your church family.
- God is faithful.
- The word provoke is used to challenge the Christian to action.
- The writer reminds us of the pending good work we must complete.
- The writer uses "one another" twice in conjunction with "let us" to highlight the togetherness we must have.
- We must assemble for worship for we are not like the world. We are a light for the world.
- We have a limited amount of time together.

1. A few benefits for attending a local church.

- We get the preached _______ in person.
 We get to ______ with others who love Jesus Christ.
 We learn how to deal with trials and ______.
 We learn more about this thing we call life and our _____.
 It strengthens our ______.
 We get consistent ______ from our under-shepherd.
 We get to ______ corporately.
 We get to partake in the ordinance, the Last Supper (_______)
 We are encouraged by our ______ and ______.
- We learn how to realign our emotions and

2. Why should the Christians look after one another?

We are commanded!

We learn how to

John 13:34-35; NIV 34 A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. 35 By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.

It shows the love of Christ in us!

Philippians 2:2-4; ESV 2 So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, 2 complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. 3 Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. 4 Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others

You are your brother/sister's keeper!

Galatians 6:2; ESV Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.

- Your lack of action could cause them to fall.
- b. If they are out of line (sinning), you address it.
- It may be neither convenient nor easy.
- If you do not, the world will!

1 John 2:15; ESV 5 Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father[d] is not in them

• The devil is very active!

1 Peter 5:8; NIV 8 Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.

3. A few benefits to looking after each other.

We can encourage our brothers and sisters who are struggling with being in the world but not of the world.

James 5:19-20; NIV 19 My brothers and sisters, if one of you should wander from the truth and someone should bring that person back, 20 remember this: Whoever turns a sinner from the error of their way will save them from death and cover over a multitude of sins.

- When we encourage each other, we are lights in a sinful and dark world as well as voices and representatives of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Matthew 5:14-16; NIV 14 "You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. 15 Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. 16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven. We encourage each other by remaining focused on God's plan (the Great Commission), not ours. It is okay to have a plan as long as it coincides with God's plan.
- Our encouragement creates lifelong relationships in the body of Christ.
- We encourage each other by sharing our burdens and work through them based on the Word.

Romans 15:1 ESV We who are strong have an obligation to bear with the failings of the weak, and not to please ourselves.

4. Remember this acronym as you go through your week: T.O.D.A.Y.

Matthew 24:36; NLT 36 "However, no one knows the day or hour when these things will happen, not even the angels in heaven or the Son himself. Only the Father knows.

- Time does not wait for anyone!
- The days of "I will do it tomorrow or next week" has long passed us. Take advantage of the gift of time for we all have a limited amount.

John 16:33; NLT 33 I have told you all this so that you may have peace in me. Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows. But take heart, because I have overcome the world."

- If Christ has overcome the world, why are we sometimes afraid to go or do what He has commanded?
- Perhaps our prayer should be like the apostles: "Lord increase our faith!" (Luke 17:5; NIV)

Exodus 20:2-3; NLT 2 I am the LORD your God, who rescued you from the land of Egypt, the place of your slavery. 3 "You must not have any other god but me.

• Your deliverance is in your obedience. Stop waiting for your circumstances to get better or pan out (they may or may not); just do what the Father says.

Isaiah 6:8; NLT 8 Then I heard the Lord asking, "Whom should I send as a messenger to this people? Who will go for us?" I said, "Here I am. Send me.

- One of our greatest attributes is our availability. God, many times will use the least qualified but the one who is most available to accomplish His goal.
- Have you made yourself available for Christ? Are there times when you know you should have but did not? Remember, "...it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure." (Philippians 2:13; KJV)

2 Corinthians 5:17; NLT 17 This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!

We spend too much time looking back on yesterday. You cannot recoup it. If you could, you probably would still mess it up because you are in it. So, brothers and sisters, focus on the now and move forward in Jesus Christ.