



THE PRIVILEGE OF CHURCH

Joyful Participation in God's Assembly

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Hebrews 10:23 *Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful.*
24 *And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works,*
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.*
(ESV)

1. Reaffirm _____ (v.23)

2. Make _____ (v.24)

3. Do _____ (v.25)

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others.

1. Read **1 John 3:14-15** and **1 Thessalonians 4:9-10**. While the Bible is filled with instructions and urgings for Christians to engage in good deeds and to demonstrate love for others, there is a qualitative and quantitative difference in these areas that is enabled for us when we become Christians. Describe that change in your life.
2. Read **Hebrews 3:13-14**. In what specific ways do we as Christians help other Christians to do what this passage is describing? What is involved in doing this?
3. Read **2 Timothy 2:10-17**. While this passage is often quoted to highlight truths about the Scriptures, what does this text teach us about how one Christian (Paul) can strengthen another (Timothy) to stand firm amid a godless culture?
4. Read **Hebrews 10:25** and **2 Timothy 3:1-5**. What would you say to someone who accuses you of "retreating" or "hiding" because you are spending increasing time and energy in fellowship, meetings, and relationships at your church?
5. Read **Mark 3:32-35**. How would you describe, to a non-Christian, the unique depth and breadth of your connection with the other Christians at your church?

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*This Week's
Bible Reading Schedule*

August 29th

Ps.139-141 & 1Cor.10:1-13

August 30th

Ps.142-144 & 1Cor.10:14-33

August 31st

Ps.145-147 & 1Cor.11:1-15

September 1st

Ps.148-150 & 1Cor.11:16-34

September 2nd

Prov.1-2 & 1Cor.12

September 3rd

Prov.3-4 & 1Cor.13

September 4th

Prov.5-6 & 1Cor.14:1-20

September 5th

Prov.7-8 & 1Cor.14:21-40

The following related sermons are also available for downloading or streaming on the Focal Point Website and App (FPR.org).

Msg. 19-36 – **The Unrivaled Fellowship of God's Church**

Msg. 09-25 – **Connectedness: Being More Intentional About Biblical Fellowship**

Msg. 20-40 – **Enjoying God's Family**

Msg. 09-11 – **Real Love: Its Biblical Dimensions**

Msg. 17-09 – **Providing Godly Encouragement to Your Friends**

Msg. 14-24 – **Your Fraternity of Hearers**

Msg. 11-09 – **Empathy for God's Embattled People**

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Here are some books which may assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in today's sermon. While Pastor Mike cannot endorse every concept presented in each book, he does believe these resources will be helpful in profitably thinking through today's topic.

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Holmes, Jonathan. **The Company We Keep: In Search of Biblical Friendship**. Russell Sage Foundation, 2019.

Lewis, C. S. **The Four Loves**. Harvest Books, 1971.

Ryken, Philip Graham, ed. **The Communion of the Saints: Living in Fellowship with the People of God**. P & R, 2001.

Saucy, Robert L. **The Church in God's Program**. Moody Press, 1972.

Strauch, Alexander. **The Hospitality Commands: Building Loving Christian Community**. Lewis & Roth, 2016.

Swindoll, Charles. **Improving Your Serve: The Art of Unselfish Living**. Reprint. Word, 2002.

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