

Hebrews 10:23-25 (NLT) - Let us hold tightly without wavering to the hope we affirm, for God can be trusted to keep his promise. Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near.

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Study Questions

This last Sunday we talked about how community is a necessity, not a luxury. As you look back at your life, are there moments when community has played a significant role in your life? Times when you really benefited from it? Times when the absence of community was apparent?

In the western context we have a strange relationship with community. We generally agree that it is a good thing, but a large part of our drive is to achieve independence, pursue our individual dreams, and evaluate success mainly on how well we can achieve what we want for our life.

This can sneak into our Christian experience too. If we aren't careful, we can take about faith and treat it the same way: community would be nice, but I can do this on my own.

Take a few minutes to read Ecclesiastes 4:7-12. What do you think God is saying through these verses? Have you experienced this as true? When have you experienced the strength others lend to our lives?

So, what is the state of community for you? Do you have a close community you are walking with through life, or do you need to invest in that? What could you do today to start in that direction? How can you strengthen the community you have?

Remember, community is a necessity, not a luxury.