

Taking it Home:

- The contemplation of what Christ has done should stir His people to action. How does knowing you are accountable for the way you love others motivate you?

- To “consider” in verse 24 means to think about carefully. Who is someone you can encourage and stir up toward love and good works? What action will you take this week to make that happen?

- Begin a friendship with at least one person working as a missionary so that you might be their encourager. Your encouragement and prayers are often the fuel that sustains their love and good works.

Additional Action for Growth:

- Using a concordance, study the “one another” commands in the New Testament.
- Pray through our Mission Partners Prayer Guide available at the Outreach Center.
- Join a Growth Group, that you might be encouraged and stirred up toward love and good works.
- Donate new socks, caps, work or winter gloves, long underwear, t-shirts, etc. to the New Life Center through December 4th in the drop box at the Outreach Center.

Encourage One Another
Hebrews 10:24-25

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Notes:

For more information about Growth Groups, Growth Group homework, and a podcast of sermons with homework, visit www.bethelfc.com.

Growth Group Homework

For the week of November 27, 2011

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Quick Review: On the basis of Jesus' once for all sacrifice, the author of Hebrews challenged the faith community to stay together and hold fast to their beliefs. Their faith is being tested by intense persecution. Some of the believers are walking away from their faith; some are no longer coming together in Christian community. Through mutual strengthening and encouraging, those who follow Jesus are able to live as a witness, especially when being persecuted for their faith in light of the soon return of Jesus.

My Story:

- Who was the person that shared the Gospel with you? How can you take a moment this week to thank or encourage that person?

- Has there ever been a time in your life when someone intentionally stirred you toward love and good deeds? What was that like for you?

Growing Deeper:

- Compare the fear of the people of Israel under the old covenant to the confidence of the people of God under the new covenant; Leviticus 10:1-3 Hebrews 10:19-22; John 14:6.

- There are three commands in Hebrews 10:22-25: "Let us draw near," (22) "Let us hold fast" (23), and "Let us consider" (24). How does understanding Exodus 29:21 and Leviticus 8:30 help you understand having confidence to approach God? Consider the historical context of persecution and identify the common thread of Hebrews 3:6; 3:14; 4:14; 10:23?

- Read Hebrews 10:24; 1 John 4:10-11 and John 15. Faith and hope can be expressed individually but love must be expressed in community. Why must love be expressed in community? What is the expression of love identified in Hebrews 10:25?