LIFE GROUP LEADER'S

Weekly Discussion Guide



Resources

- Watch or listen to Sunday's sermon: <u>abfboone.com/sermons</u>
- Find Life Group resources: <u>abfboone.org/groups/resources</u>

Hebrews 10:24-25

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.

Acts 14:22

strengthening the souls of the disciples, encouraging them to continue in the faith, and saying that through many tribulations we must enter the kingdom of God.

Romans 15:5

May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus,

1 Thessalonians 4:18, 5:11

4:18 Therefore encourage one another with these words. 5:11 Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

1 Corinthians 8:10

For if anyone sees you who have knowledge eating in an idol's temple, will he not be encouraged, if his conscience is weak, to eat food offered to idols?

John 14:16, 26

16 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, 26 But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you



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Sermon Outline:

Key Question: What is biblical encouragement?

- I. Biblical Encouragement is grounded in the Word of God.
- II. Biblical Encouragement is grounded in the Work of God.

Life Group Leader Notes:

- •Hebrews 10:24 tells us to consider how we might stir one another up to love and good deeds. What's the significance of the word 'consider?' What does 'considering' look like in your life?
- •Kind words are appreciated by others and certainly have their place, but biblical encouragement is different in two key ways. What are the two characteristics and how would you put them in your own words?
- Has someone ever prayed the Scripture over you during a trial or difficulty? What impact does the Word of God have in those moments and why?
- •Barnabas consistently saw the work of God going on in others' lives. Where do you see God at work around you? What action plan can you put into place to encourage those God brought to mind?
- •Encouragement seems to come easier for some people, but we can all cultivate this type of ministry in our lives. What practical shift(s) can you make this week in order to see God's work more clearly? (altering social media consumption, practicing intentional gratitude, using free time to pray for eyes to see God's work, etc.).

