

Building A Christian Community

"Encourage One Another"

Ephesians 4:16

Introduction

This is our third lesson in a series on Building a Christian community. The New Testament calls us to a level of involvement with one another that takes us beyond just attending meetings. The New Testament calls us to become part of a network of Christ-centered personal relationships.

1. Christian Community is the kind of involvement that results in solid spiritual growth and challenges us to reach out to people who don't have a personal _____ with Jesus.
2. Loving one another as Jesus loved his disciples was so important that the disciples went out of their way to explain it in their _____ to Christian communities.
3. As the God of all comfort, the Holy Spirit is the _____.
4. The Holy Spirit is the One who comes alongside us to _____ us that God is with us!
5. The first lesson of encouragement is to learn how to be _____ of others.

I. Be Supportive of Others

6. The Holy Spirit urges us to come _____ other believers to encourage and help and support them in their faith journey.

7. This holy urging from the Spirit of God comes to us to strengthen and supply what is needed to help a person _____ and be victorious.
8. There are believers around the world who are _____ for their faith in Christ and need Biblical encouragement.'
9. God wants to use each of us to strengthen one another with _____ and hope through Biblical encouragement.
10. 'Biblical encouragement that the Holy Spirit _____ urges us to keep following God's will for our lives.
11. As members of a strong, healthy Christian community, we give up being _____ and take up being encouragers.
12. In the Christian community, we encourage each other to be our very best and _____ the very best for the glory and honor of Christ.

II. Believe the Best of Others

13. _____ is encouragement that affirms those who don't see their value or potential.
14. _____ was a name associated with one who vacillates, and if you know anything about Peter, you know how accurate this was.
15. Another form of encouragement is _____.
16. God praises those who step out and take those scary steps of _____.

17. Encouragement _____ those who have had their spiritual wind knocked out.
18. Even Christians suffer _____ hearts, loss of loved ones, economic reversals, poor health, deal with agonizing family problems, and even failure.
19. The touch of _____ reminds us of Christ's promise to stand by us.
20. Encouragement _____ those who are tempted to give less than their best.
21. Are you involved enough with other Christian friends that they know when you need to be _____?
22. Affirmation, Praise, Consolation, and Exhortation! These are great _____ of encouragement.

III. Build-Up Confidence in Others

23. As great as receiving encouragement is, becoming an effective _____ is even better.
24. Effective encouragers know and use God's Word _____.
25. It is God's _____, not our personality, or cleverness, or intelligence, that has the power to lift people up and give them hope.
26. If you get together with other Christians, you increase your chances for spiritual growth and _____.
27. The key to long-term fellowship in small groups is how _____ you are to encouraging one another.
28. Emails, _____, and phone calls can be very powerful tools for encouragement.

Conclusion

29. Don't wait until encouragement feels "natural," or you'll be waiting _____!

You should make it a goal to encourage someone every single day! Open your eyes and see the many opportunities to encourage family, coworkers; neighbors; and friends. One of the reasons you are such a great congregation is because most of you do these things already! There's a lot of great encouragement that happens here at Crossroads Chapel. That's why I'm so proud to be a part of this church. So keep up the good work of encouragement!

ANSWERS

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| 1. Relationship | 23. Encourager |
| 2. Letter | 24. Skillfully |
| 3. Paraclete | 25. Word |
| 4. Encourage | 26. Encouragement |
| 5. Supportive | 27. Committed |
| 6. Alongside | 28. Notes |
| 7. Overcome | 29. forever |
| 8. Suffering | |
| 9. Truth | |
| 10. Inspires | |
| 11. Selfish | |
| 12. Achieve | |
| 13. Affirmation | |
| 14. Simon | |
| 15. Praise | |
| 16. Faith | |
| 17. Consoles | |
| 18. Broken | |
| 19. Empathy | |
| 20. Exhorts | |
| 21. Exhorted | |
| 22. Tools | |