



Courage to Encourage – Jo Anne Lyon
Sermon Discussion Questions – July 10th, 2022

Scripture Passages:

Hebrews 3:13

¹³ But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called “Today,” so that none of you may be hardened by sin’s deceitfulness.

Hebrews 10:24-25

²⁴ And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, ²⁵ not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Hebrews 12:14-15

¹⁴ Make every effort to live in peace with everyone and to be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord. ¹⁵ See to it that no one falls short of the grace of God and that no bitter root grows up to cause trouble and defile many.

Hebrews 13:1-3

¹ Keep on loving one another as brothers and sisters. ² Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it. ³ Continue to remember those in prison as if you were together with them in prison, and those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering.

Warm Up

The summer seems to be moving at a rapid pace, what is a highlight from your 4th of July? Is there anything else this summer you are looking forward to?

Discussion

1. This week’s message talked a lot about encouragement.

What are some of your favorite ways to encourage someone else? What are some meaningful ways that others have encouraged you in the past?

2. Hebrews 3:13 says that we should encourage one another daily to keep from being hardened by sin's deceitfulness.
What role do you think encouragement has toward combating sin? How often do you encourage someone?
3. Toward the beginning of her message, JoAnn Lyon gave some definitions of encourage: "to inspire with confidence, to give hope and courage, to make strong – hearten."
Which of these definitions of encouragement do you connect with the most and why? What might it look like to give someone hope encourage? How might you know if you've effectively encouraged someone else?
4. Hebrews 10:24-25 highlights the importance of spurring one another towards love and good deeds as well as meeting together and encouraging one another.
How has meeting together, through your small group, allowed you to encourage one another and push one another towards love and good deeds?
5. In Hebrews 12:14-15 we are called to make every effort to live in peace with everyone and to be holy.
How have you been living into the grace of God to pursue holiness that leads to pursuing peace with others and loving them well?
6. Hebrews 13:1-3 seems to be very similar to one of Jesus' parables, read Matthew 25:35-40.
What similarities did you see and hear? How can you encourage one another to love others in radical ways?
7. Was there anything from Jo Anne Lyon's message that you found challenging or confusing?
8. What is one thing from this week's message that you had hoped we would discuss as a group?

Next Steps:

What is one way we can encourage one another both in and out of our small group?

How can we encourage those in our family this week?

How can we encourage our friends this week?

How can we encourage our co-workers this week?

How can we encourage those who we interact with or strangers this week?

What is one way we can pray for one another in our group?

