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# WHY CHURCH CONNECTING

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*“And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, 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.” (Hebrews 10:24–25, ESV)*

## **THE LOCAL CHURCH: CONNECTED**

Fellowship. Friendship. Discipleship. Suffering. Rejoicing. These should be the rhythms of a connected life. We focused this week on the place of these kinds of connections to bring us through the Christian life. They are the moments of grace God offered to give us endurance in the faith. Reflect for a few moments on the following points from the sermon and discuss how you processed them.

- Let us consider meetings.
  - We ought to prioritize meeting.
  - We ought to do it ‘all the more.’
- Let us consider encouragement.
  - Our encouragement serves to stir up love and good works.

## **APPLICATION**

- a. Describe ways you’ve experienced connecting as a grace in your life. How has a relationship or group served your endurance in Christ?
- b. Consider the myths regarding meeting. Do you resonate with these false ideas about connecting?
- c. Consider myths regarding encouragement. Have you suffered in your commitment to encouragement because of these false concepts? How are you doing in active, stirring encouragement?