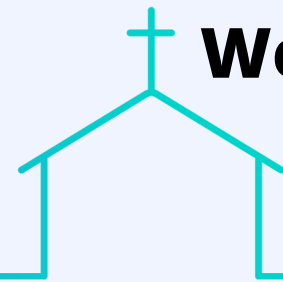


## ESCAPE FROM ENTANGLEMENT



**This week we are discussing the Church as it GATHERS and stirs one another up to love and good works (Hebrews 10:24-25).**

**After watching Pastor Kevin introduce the topic of Gathering, and the pastors discussion, please pause the video and take time to discuss these questions among your group.**

**1)** Consider gatherings where you have an obligation to show up. Maybe it is a Thanksgiving meal, a family reunion, a wedding, a high school reunion, a birthday party, or even college orientation. These are places where people, often of differing backgrounds and experiences, come together for a common reason.

- What are some of the frustrating elements about these gatherings?
- What are some of the exciting or even beneficial elements?
- What is your motivation to still attend a gathering, even when you find yourself believing the frustrating elements will outweigh the beneficial elements?
- Share a story about a time when you reluctantly attended a gathering but found yourself pleased by the end because of your attendance. Why were you pleased? What benefit did you receive by attending?

**2)** Read Hebrews 10:19-25

The Church has always been a "gathered people", both in times of peace and in times of persecution. Gathering is not always easy but it is beneficial.

- What are some of the benefits that come from gathering as the Church?
- How is the Church gathering an act of love?
- How have you seen Legacy gather well?

- What are some of the challenges you personally face to gather each week?

- What encouragement would you give to someone who is facing challenges to gather each week with the Church? What counsel or encouragement would you give to someone who doesn't seem to want to gather with the Church?

**3)** As one pastor stated - "Christians are urged to seriously "consider" or "pay attention to" the spiritual needs of others, and not just their own. God wants us to ask, "How can I personally 'stir up' or 'provoke' my fellow brothers and sisters in Christ to 'love and good works'?" Let us consider this now.

- How can we as a group encourage one another to serve each other, both in this group and also at Legacy and in the community?

- What good works and love have you seen displayed in the lives of members here at Legacy? Why did that make such an impact on you?

Would you consider reaching out to that person and let them know how they have encouraged your faith?

- How would you describe your love for the Church? If it is high, explain how God has cultivated that love within you. If it is low, comfortably share why you struggle with the Church.

- How can we as a group encourage one another and hold one another accountable to gathering each week for the Sunday worship service?

- Consider meeting and sitting in the same section during the worship service (if you are comfortable meeting in person) or utilizing the chat function on our online service platform (if you are attending online) so that you can encourage one another and see each other attending.

**Now turn back to the video for a final word and challenge from Pastor Kevin. Afterwards, take a moment to discuss his challenge among your group members as well.**