

SHARE LIFE

Hebrews 10:24-25

Identity, 4

This was another great sermon. This series is great because it reminds us of what we are all about. If we don't keep our goals and purposes at the forefront of our minds, we will drift and fail to accomplish the things we believe to be most important. By talking about our identity and our values, we will be better equipped to live life together as a true body. We have a common purpose in life as believers and a common goal as members of Trinity Chapel. Being part of a Community Group gives us an even greater opportunity to get involved in one another's lives. This is where we can grow in our efforts to love God and love others. Community is the foundation for a life that is pleasing to God. You are in a great place and just where you need to be.



We are talking about spending time together for the specific purpose of building one another up this week. This is at the heart of what we are all about at TCBC. Most of us understand the importance and the necessity of this but still find it difficult. By discussing what this dynamic looks like, we'll be able to discover what we need to do to make this happen in our own groups.

Let's begin our study by reading and discussing Alan Jones's quote from *Soul Making*.

Spiritual things (like love, joy, and peace) are increased, not diminished when they are shared.

Everyone can enjoy the same gift simultaneously and uniquely. Life in the Spirit cannot be possessive and individualistic and still be true to itself.

How are spiritual things increased when shared? Give specific examples. When are you most aware of your spiritual gifts?
Why can't life in the Spirit be possessive? Why do we tend toward individualism so readily?

Review

Our mission – to magnify the name of Jesus as we ... learn, live, love.

Our values ...

God-exalting

Truth-centered

Grace-filled

Being “relationally- focused” doesn't just happen ... it involves:

1. Concentrating on understanding the needs of others. Hebrews 10:24

Express your divine discontent through specific, loving actions.

Believe that you have been designed to share life with others.

2. Slowing down enough to make time for relationships. Hebrews 10:25a

Decide that relationships are a spiritual priority.

Make a commitment to specific relationships.

3. Encouraging others in their journey with Christ. Hebrews 10:25b

Be there.

Believe the best of others.

Ask others about what Christ is doing in their lives.

4. Opening your life for others to love the real you. Hebrews 10:24-25

Share your joys and your hurts.

Allow others to bear your burdens.

What is the context for these verses (vv. 19-23)?

What does divine discontentment look like?

Who made the biggest difference in your spiritual life? How?

How well do you do opening your life for others?

Whose burdens can you help carry? How?

How do these verses relate to the preceding passage?

Besides a spouse, what is your most significant relationship?

Whose life have you poured into? Whose can you?

What burden can you allow another to help you carry?

What needs to change about your thinking in this area?

Prayer

Please pray for the new groups that have recently started. Pray, too, for all of our existing groups. Ask the Father to give us confidence, security, and courage to open up with one another. Pray that TCBC would become more and more a place for people to get connected, healed, and equipped to live godly lives that are pleasing to God.