

Devoted to Intentional Relationships

Hebrews 3:12–14 || October 1–7th

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- *Gospel Treason*: Women's & Men's class, begins Monday, October 2, 6pm
- Tuesdays for Women: Begins October 3, 9:30am
- Men's Breakfast: Saturday, October 7, 8–9:30am
- High School Retreat: October 13–15, Reality Apologetics Conference in Bellevue

Icebreaker: Describe a time that someone was a true friend to you.

What happened and why was it so significant?

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. How would you describe your closest relationships? What are some marks of quality friends?
2. What are the differences that you have noticed between your “friendships with unbelievers” and “friendships with Christians”?
3. Read Prov 17:17, 18:24; Eccl 4:9–12. What stood out to you in these verses about Intentional Relationships?
4. Intentional Relationships require love, sacrifice, and devotion. Read John 15:12–13 and share some ways that you need to grow in being a better friend.
5. Read 2 Tim 4:2; Mt 18:15; Gal 6:1–2. Christian community stands out from other types of community because we rebuke, confront, and carry each other’s burdens, etc. Why are these

aspects so important and necessary within “Intentional Christian Relationships”?

6. Read Heb 3:12–14. What should it look like for believers to “exhort one another every day” (ESV)?
7. Christian community and exhortation protect us from being “*hardened by the deceitfulness of sin* (ESV).” What are some ways that you have experienced a hardening of your heart from the deceitfulness of sin?
8. Read Heb 10:24–25. What are some ways that we as a Life Group can “*stir up one another towards love and good works*” (v24, ESV)?
9. What do we learn from Heb 10:25 that we can apply or hold each other accountable to?

GROUP TIME

Prayer: Pray that God would grow our group closer, and that we would live intentionally with one another to accomplish our mission of “making more and better disciples of Jesus.”

Personal Practical Application (PPA): Today we talked about exhorting, encouraging, rebuking, loving, etc. What is a specific way that you can do one of these this week with a brother or sister in Christ?