

SERMON NOTES

Date: August 27, 2018

Series: Uncommon Community

Title: Encourage One Another

Text: Hebrews 10:19-25

Big Idea: Because each day can be full of discouraging news and overwhelming circumstances, we need to encourage one another with truths that are greater than our troubles.

I. Introduction

One the characteristics of uncommon community is that we encourage one another in meaningful ways (1 Thessalonians 4:18; 5:11; Hebrews 3:13; Romans 15:5). When a fellow believer needs help and encouragement, we don't want to be like one of Job's counselors. We don't want to heap trouble upon trouble, and inflict greater harm on an already suffering soul. We need to avoid pious platitudes and Christian clichés. We need to be committed to encouraging one another with truths that are greater than our troubles.

II. Encouraging Truths that are Greater Than Our Troubles

1. In Christ, We Have Access to God

2. In Christ, We Have an Advocate before God

3. In Christ, We Receive Assurance from God

MAKE IT REAL

Questions for Personal Application and Small Group Discussion

REVIEW THE SERMON

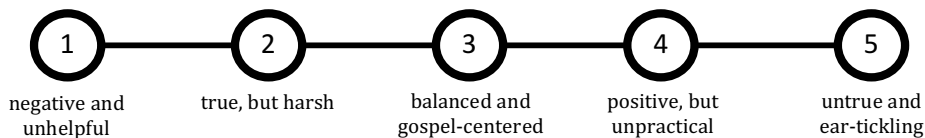
Read Hebrews 10:19-25. Why is every believer called to a ministry of encouragement? _____

Have you ever received “encouragements” that were less than helpful? How would you like to have received better encouragements than you were given? _____

Why is it important that our encouragements are rooted in truths that are greater than our troubles? _____

ASSESS YOUR LIFE

Rate the kind of responses you generally give when people need encouragement. You may find that you respond differently with certain people and situations. Now ask a few other people to rate you.



Do you perceive yourself the way others perceive you? How can you improve to provide more balanced and gospel-centered encouragement? _____

APPLY THE TRUTH

How do the truths in Hebrews 10:19-25 encourage you personally? _____

How can you be a more *accessible* and *assuring advocate* for the people you know? _____

COMMIT THIS WEEK

Commit to practicing encouragement this week. Choose at least one person and plan on offering encouraging words or actions on their behalf every day if possible.