

## GROWING DEEPER WITH OTHERS

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*Building A Deeper Life In A Shallow World, Part 6*

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<sup>23</sup> Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. <sup>24</sup> And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, <sup>25</sup> not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching. **Hebrews 10:23-25**

**BIG IDEA: Growing deeply in the Lord requires other people.**

**1) When we share life with other Christians we get connected to something BIGGER THAN OURSELVES.**

I can do all this through him who gives me strength. Yet it was good of you to share in my troubles **Philippians 4:13-14**

Our care for others makes the hard times bearable, and the good times better. We're invited to face life in the light of our hope in Jesus together.

**2) When we share life with other Christians, it raises our STANDARDS.**

- “Love and good deeds” = the Christian life.
- We set our sights higher when we are together

- “Spur one another” (lit. Provoke): To know someone so well we know what “pushes their buttons” and then use that power for good instead of evil. Know people like family.

**3) Sharing life with other Christians is a HABIT that needs cultivation.**

- Time is precious. The way we spend it tells us about our priorities.
- Sunday service-corporate worship/teaching- is essential, but not all we need
- Our lives need to be re-oriented towards the resource that God has given us for growth: our church.

**Growing deeper with others:**

- To grow deeply, we need to be meaningfully connected to church.
- To grow deeply, we need to be committed to others in that church- warts and all (your warts and theirs).
- To grow deeply, we need a bigger imagination for what it means to share life.