

Discussion Questions for weeks of January 24, 2016



BIG IDEA:

Sometimes we tend to put things off or not take things as seriously as we should. The Bible says that meeting together with other Christians and deepening Christ-centered friendships is something that we should not ignore or take lightly. Hebrews 10:25 says that we should "never give up" meeting together so that we can consistently encourage, support, and strengthen each other.

Simply gathering is not enough. When we meet, we should never give up confronting each other's weakness and sin. We are only truly encouraged to flee evil and pursue righteousness in an environment that fosters true accountability.

DISCUSSION:

Look up and read Hebrews 10:24-25 together. Why do you think the writer of Hebrews has to remind us to "consider how to stir one another to love and good deeds"?

Look up Proverbs 27:17. What does it mean when it says, "As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another"?

At Wake, we talked about accountability. How would you define accountability? What do you think accountability looks like?

One Definition is...Holding each other up and bearing one another's burdens

Accountability can be really hard sometimes. What are some barriers that are keeping you from keeping your friends accountable, and vice versa?

When was a time when someone held you accountable? How did it make you feel?

What is an area in your life that you need people to keep you accountable for?

Who is someone in your life that can keep you accountable?

Why is it so hard sometimes to ask others to hold you accountable for something? What do we fear?

APPLICATION:

Questions for accountability:

How has your time with God been this week? What have you read or learned?

How have you been inspired or encouraged this week?

How have you been weighed down or stressed out this week?

How have you struggled with sin or temptation this week?

How have you shared Christ with others this week?

How can we pray for you or serve you (advice, encouragement, support) this week?



MEMORY VERSE HEBREWS 10:25

Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.