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Community and Family
Hebrews 10:23-25; 1 Corinthians 12:12-25
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Using This Study

❶ EXAMINE His Word

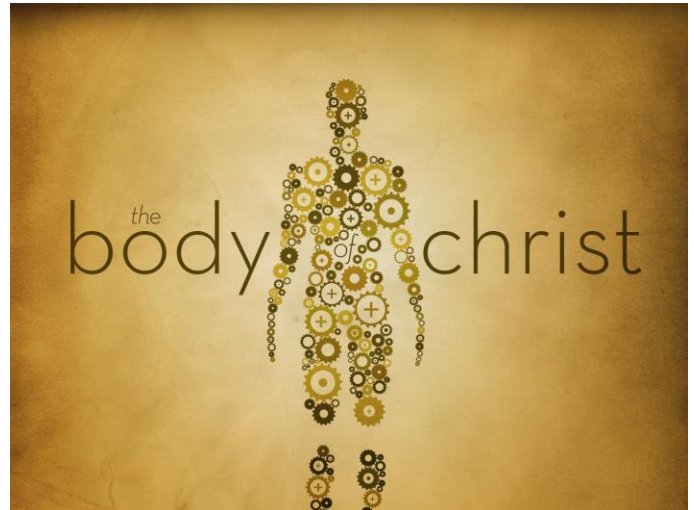
What does God SAY? Open your time with prayer. The words God uses to communicate matters, so go back and pay close attention to the details that are emphasized or repeated in the passage.

❷ EXPLORE His Word

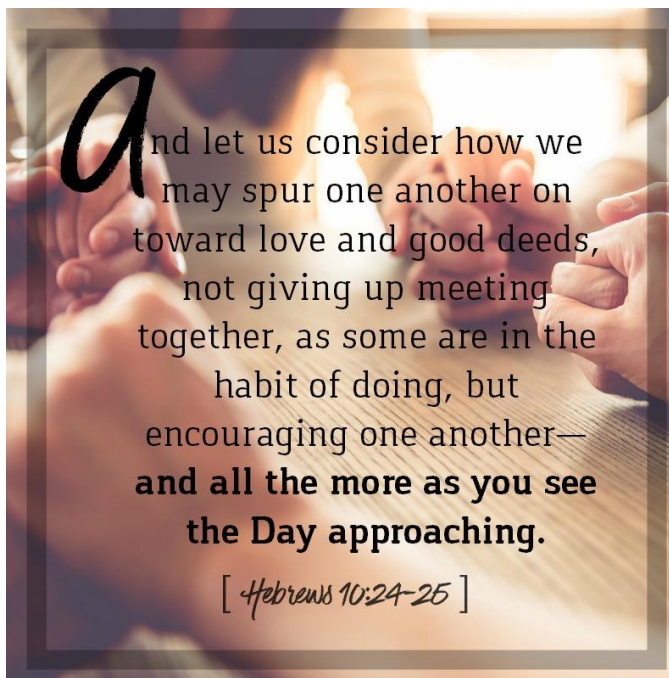
What does God MEAN? Asking questions of the text helps surface how the details relate to the message God wants to communicate.

❸ EMBRACE His Word

Why does it MATTER to me? Embrace God by responding to what you discover in His word in faith and obedience.



This week we consider the value that Clear Lake Bible Church puts on community and family. Our Church body interacts much like a family. We have complete acceptance of one another and we love each other well. This week we will take a look at the biblical description that we have of a church body. How we are called to spur each other on to love and good works while encouraging each other in Christ. We are not all created the same but we are all created to be a part of the body and to contribute to the work of the Kingdom. Join us this week as we talk about strengthening the ties of our family and how we can love and support each other well.



Hebrews 10:23-25 (NASB)

²³ Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful; ²⁴ and let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, ²⁵ not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging *one another*; and all the more as you see the day drawing near.

1 Corinthians 12:12-25 (NASB)

¹² For even as the body is one and yet has many members, and all the members of the body, though they are many, are one body, so also is Christ. ¹³ For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

¹⁴ For the body is not one member, but many. ¹⁵ If the foot says, "Because I am not a hand, I am not *a part* of the body," it is not for this reason any the less *a part* of the body. ¹⁶ And if the ear says, "Because I am not an eye, I am not *a part* of the body," it is not for this reason any the less *a part* of the

body. ¹⁷ If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? ¹⁸ But now God has placed the members, each one of them, in the body, just as He desired. ¹⁹ If they were all one member, where would the body be? ²⁰ But now there are many members, but one body. ²¹ And the eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you"; or again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." ²² On the contrary, it is much truer that the members of the body which seem to be weaker are necessary; ²³ and those *members* of the body which we deem less honorable, on these we bestow more abundant honor, and our less presentable members become much more presentable, ²⁴ whereas our more presentable members have no need *of it*. But God has *so* composed the body, giving more abundant honor to that *member* which lacked, ²⁵ so that there may be no division in the body, but *that* the members may have the same care for one another.

o EXAMINE His Word (Observation) (For personal preparation)

What does God SAY? Prayerfully note significant details and terms emphasized in the foregoing passage.

1. Who is involved in the text? Author, audience, main characters.
2. Where and when is this taking place? Geography and timeline.
3. What actions are carried out or commanded? Look for the verbs.
4. Is there anything repeated?
5. What is emphasized?
6. Is there anything in these passages that is related to other areas of scripture?
7. Are there things to be noted that are alike or unlike such as similes and metaphors?

2 EXPLORE His Word (Interpretation) (For Community Group discussion)
What does God MEAN?

8. What is the Hebrews passage talking about when it says do not forsake the assembly?

9. In the Hebrews passage what are we to do for one another?

10. How is the church body like a human body?

11. In the analogy are there unnecessary parts of the body? Explain?

12. How should we treat other parts of the body?

13. How were the members of the body put together?

③ EMBRACE His Word (Application) (For Community Group discussion)
Why does this MATTER to me?

14. What are some examples of the diversity of body parts in our church?

15. What are some current areas of service needed in our church? When a church does not have people to do certain activities does this mean they should consider whether or not they should be doing the activity?

16. What are some practical ways that we can make sure we are encouraging and stimulating the others members of our church?

Summarize your thoughts on the passage

Write about what God wants you to KNOW, to FEEL, and to DO...

Sermon Notes