

Revival: Get Small

Reflect

- Who are your closest friends and what connects you?
- What life event or situation have you experienced that brought you closer to someone?
- We were made for one another! Why should you be part of a small group?

Read your Bible

- Hebrews 10:24-25
- John 13:34-35

Apply God's Word to Your Life

- In John 13:34-35, Jesus gives His small group of disciples a new command, "Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another." What is one reason Jesus gives for following this command?
- How have you loved other followers of Jesus as Jesus commanded?
- When is it easy to follow this command? When is it difficult?
- The author of Hebrews 10:24-25 instructs followers of Jesus to stay connected and meet with one another for what reason/purpose?
- What impacts to your faith and the faith of others could be made if Hebrews 10:24-25 was fully lived out by Jesus' followers?
- How might you better live out this instruction and Jesus' command in your own life?

Conclusion

Jesus had His own small group that prayed with Him, joined in ministry with Him and did life with Him. That small group was no accident. Jesus personally invited each disciple into His small group so His life and movement of grace and truth would continue and stay strong. Jesus' final command to His disciples before going to the cross was to continue living their small group life together – loving one another as He loved them. As followers of Jesus, we are called to get small and live a faith-filled life with other followers of Jesus to "spur one another on in love and good deeds." Left on our own, it can be easy to get discouraged, to lose accountability in our walk with Jesus and to stop living the new life of love and service Jesus has called us to live. But when we connect with other Jesus followers, the Holy Spirit moves in and through us in powerful ways to lift us up in faith and life.

Pray

Gracious God, thank You for Your Son Jesus and the example He left us to live our lives of faith with others. Help us to get small and connect with other followers of Jesus. Help us in those relationships to spur one another on toward love and good deeds and strengthen our faith in Your Son. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.