

Family Matters

Learning how to Behave in God's Household

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Task #1: Show Up

Hebrews 10:24-25

□ God expects us to _____...

➡ Don't _____ family _____.

➡ Even if that's _____ for some.

➡ Why not? It's _____ out there...and getting _____.

□ ...to _____ each other up.

➡ What? “_____ the _____.”

➡ Why? To call your siblings _____.

➡ To do what? To _____ and do good _____.



Debrief Plan: 3/10/2024

Icebreakers:

1. What's one rule your parents (or guardians) enforced when you were a kid?
2. What catchy jingle or bit of advertising from your youth has stuck with you all these years?

Sermon Summary: The first task that God expects us to do as His children within the family is to regularly show up at family gatherings for the purpose of prodding our spiritual siblings towards deeper love and engagement in good deeds.

Discussion Questions:

1. There are obviously some good reasons for missing some of the "family gatherings" of God's family (the church). How can you tell when your reasons for missing those gatherings are not good enough to justify your absence?
2. Of all the possible reasons Pastor Toby suggested people might abandon the family gatherings, which do you think is most common today? Explain why you think so.
3. Is it getting tougher to live as a follower of Jesus as time goes on or has it always been this tough? If you think it's tougher today, why is that?
4. **Read Hebrews 10:24.** What's the difference between "stirring" someone up in a good way and "provoking" or "irritating" or "nagging" them in a bad way?
5. What's the difference between calling your spiritual siblings "up" and calling them "out"? Which is easier to do and why?
6. Has someone ever properly prodded you (i.e. "motivated" or "inspired" you) to take action in the direction of loving and doing good deeds? How did they do it? What could you learn from their example?