The Importance of Attendance

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INTRODUCTION

- I want to talk to you today, the first of three lessons on the importance of attendance.
- Hebrews chapter 10, this is the foundational passage for this topic.

1 Draw Near to God and Remain Faithful

Hebrews 10:19–23

- Because of what Jesus has done for us and the blood that was shed for us and the sacrifice that was given for us, we have every reason to have confidence to draw near to God.
- I believe the main point of the book of Hebrews is remain faithful to Jesus Christ. No matter what.
- Attendance is part and parcel of remaining faithful to Jesus Christ.

2 Consider How to Stimulate One Another

Hebrews 10:24; Acts 15:39

- We need to be attentive to one another, specifically how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds.
- The word stimulate here, the word that's used in the Greek, is the word that means to sharpen.
- We need to ask one another those sorts of questions. How's your faith? How are you doing spiritually?

3 Not Forsaking Our Own Assembling Together

Hebrews 10:25

- Forsaking our own assembling is an inconsiderate, selfish act.
- Attendance is not about you.
- Your lack of attendance or my lack of attendance, anyone's lack of attendance, has a huge impact upon others.
- The point is we need to do the exact opposite of forsaking. And what is the opposite of forsaking? Total commitment.
- Every assembly that you skip is a missed opportunity to stimulate others and to be stimulated.

4 As Is the Habit of Some

2 Samuel 24

- You know how it starts? It just starts with one time.
- If you have a habit of forsaking our own assembling, that habit is a symptom of a very serious spiritual disease.
- Christianity is for many a matter of convenience instead of commitment.

- Christianity, brethren, and I say this in love, is an all or nothing commitment to God and Jesus Christ as the number one priority in life, bar none.
- It's the Lord's day. It's not your day. It's not my day. It's the Lord's day.

5 But Encouraging One Another

Hebrews 10:25

- Your attendance facilitates the encouraging of others.
- You're not here for you. You're here for the rest of everybody here to lift one another up and to glorify God.
- I think of worshiping together and studying the word together as a recharging of my spiritual batteries.

6 All the More as You See the Day Drawing Near

Hebrews 10:25; Hebrews 10:26–39

- Whichever view it is, the point is the time is getting shorter.
- Every Christian generation needs to live as if it's the last generation on earth and that Jesus could come back at any moment.
- It is a terrifying thing to fall into the hands of the living God.
- Forsaking our own assembling together results in people forsaking the Lord, in sinning willfully, in giving up, and in shrinking back to destruction.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **Do it for God. And do it for your brethren who need your encouragement and your stimulation to love and good deeds so much.**

MY NOTES