

## ***The Unrelenting Encourager – Part 2 – Hebrews 10:19-25***

*“We pursue being a disciple making family: surrendered to Jesus, transformed by the gospel, and **saturated in His word.**”*

The writer of Hebrews points out clearly what the church is to be doing. In this text we are confronted with the importance of being encouragers and also being intentional about stirring up other believers to show love. This is a very practical text with many specific everyday applications. All of our response is fueled by the gospel and the confidence we have in the finished work of Jesus.

### **Discussion Questions\* -- \*do not feel the pressure to cover them all**

1. This week we took a deep dive into the call of God’s people to be encouraging. We are called to “fuel courage” in the lives of other believers to grow in the Lord. This is to increase “more and more” as the Day approaches. This final day when God makes all things new, and His judgment is brought against the sin of unbelievers. How often do you think about encouraging other believers? Do you find yourself considering ways to encourage other believers even if you are not close to them? How has someone encouraged you as a believer to grow in the Lord?
2. The opposite of encourage is to discourage or take the fuel of courage away or hinder someone’s courage. We live in a sinful and broken world where discouragement can abound. However, we serve the God of all encouragement who can give us hope and bring us through perseverance. What are some things that tend to fuel your discouragement as a believer (i.e. persecution, oppression, being ostracized, loneliness, etc.)? Do you have seasons that you are more susceptible to discouragement as a believer? How does the consistency of gathering with the church fulfill God’s plan for encouragement? What is an example where you have seen discouragement lead someone away from the church instead of to the church? How could someone stir that person up to love and good works and encourage them?
3. What have you found to be the reasons you most neglect encouraging other believers in the local church? (i.e. pride, laziness, distraction, apathy, lovelessness, etc.) One of the struggles we face is substituting flattery for encouragement. It all comes down to motive. Flattery is saying and doing nice things in order to get something in return from someone. Encouragement is done for the well-being of someone else expecting nothing in return. How have you substituted flattery for encouragement? Sometimes encouragement can look like flattery, however, it is all about motive. How can we make sure we are encouraging others instead of just flattering them?

4. How does the gospel fuel us to be unrelenting in our encouraging? How can we become a more encouraging people? What we this look like for us at Heritage?