



November 23 – 24  
Lesson 10

## Encourage One Another

*This Discussion Guide should be used the week following the sermon it supplements, but members can still interact even if they missed the sermon. To use this guide in your Community Group, try to work through the questions on your own before you meet. You might not get to all of the questions, and that's okay. If your Community Group does not meet one week, walk through the guide on your own so that you can stay in sync with the series.*

**MAIN TEXT:** 1 Thessalonians 5:11 and John 16:33

**SUMMARY:** To continue our “One Another” series on how to be the church with one another and not just do church, we will look into why it is important to encourage one another.

Just a reminder, while the “one another” passages do encourage us to move inward in community with one another, it doesn't happen without moving upward toward God, and it always moves us outward to the lost around us!

### GETTING STARTED

Watch the video together with the corresponding guide and answer the following question below:

1. What objects or people “testify” to a time in your life where someone or even God encouraged you?

### DISCUSSING THE WORD

1. Read 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11. Paul is talking about the end times and addressing some of the fear that believers were feeling with that event. What does Paul remind them of who they are in Christ in verses 1-11?
2. How does this truth encourage people when we remind people who they are in Christ?
3. Read John 16:33. What is Jesus talking about in this verse in regard to His return?
4. How does this truth encourage people when we remind people who Jesus is and what His return brings?

### RESPONDING TO GOD

1. How can you practically encourage people with the reminder of who they are in Christ?
2. How can you practically encourage people with the truth of who Jesus is and His return?

## OTHER THOUGHTS

How can you encourage one another in your group this week?

## BEING MISSIONALLY ENGAGED WITH YOUR GROUP

Below is ways for group to be missionally engaged that was shared previously. Use some time at the end to discuss any details needed to move forward, and spend some time praying for these unsaved friends.

1. Have each person think of 2 unsaved friends. Write them down on a piece of paper and commit to pray for their salvation.
2. Go around the room and share with your group the 2 unsaved friends that you wrote down.
3. Decide as a group which unsaved friend you would all like to pursue with either one of the following 3 things:
  - a. **Is there a need? Then fill it.** (*Ex. Yardwork is difficult for a single mom.*)
  - b. **Is there a hurt? Then heal it.** (*Ex. A neighbor's spouse passed away and you make meals for the neighbor for a week*)
  - c. **Is there a common interest? Then do it.** (*Ex. A friend likes board games, so you get together for a game night!*)
4. Start planning the details together as a group and just focus on 1 or 2 unsaved people at a time. Let them see your love that you have as a group and the love Jesus has for them!