

A PERSEVERING PEOPLE

Consider Others

INTRO

Fun Fall Facts:

What is your favourite fall food?

— or —

What is your favourite fall smell?

READ

- Hebrews 10:19-25

REFLECT & RESPOND

A Persevering People series focuses on the essentials we need to commit to if we want to endure and flourish in this season:

1) Christ 2) Communion 3) Confession 4) Community 5) Commission

The verses we read are “us and we” verses instructing us how to be a persevering PEOPLE.

Today we look at verses 24 & 25: A persevering people **consider others**.

CONSIDER

The phrase “let us consider” in vs 24 means:

- perceive
- consider carefully
- discern
- to observe fully

The author of Hebrews is asking us to consider carefully how to support and strengthen others in our life of faith.

The Message puts it like this: “Let’s see how inventive we can be in encouraging love and helping out, not avoiding worshipping together.”

Qu: As restrictions have lifted, who have you reconnected?

*What challenges in your life right now seem to inhibit you when it comes to thinking about or reaching out or **considering** others?*

COMMUNITY

One thing we are to **consider** carefully is how to meet, to gather, to assemble together. The

church gathering has looked very different in the past 18 months, and moving ahead, regathering will continue to look different.

In 1939 German pastor Dietrich Bonhoeffer wrote of Christian community, “It is not we who build. Christ builds the church... It may be that the times which by human standards are the times of collapse are for him the great times of construction... It is a great comfort which Jesus gives to his church.”

Jesus hasn’t taken a break from building his church. Let us **consider** our part. It’s time to help one another create new rhythms of gathering for worship. Our first step at ENGTA is “In Home Worship Gatherings,” meeting in our homes to join in the Sunday livestream together.

Qu: As we look for ways to regather, what ideas of what you think church should look like might you need to let go of?

What benefits can you imagine in “doing church” each Sunday with even a few others?

(EN) COURAGE

Each and every one of us, not just our pastors, not just our small group leaders, is to consider how we are to strengthen and encourage one another, and how we can work together to meet together.

Qu: As we move into a time of prayer, think about who you can reach out to, encourage, and who you can gather with.

PRAY

We strive to be that Persevering People who consider others.

- pray for individuals you know need to be encouraged to gather again with the church
- pray for one another as to reach out to those who might be in need of this encouragement
- pray for one another to endure and flourish