

Sermon Discussion Guide
One Another – Week 3
Encourage One Another
May 30, 2021

 **Big Idea**

Encouragement is a daily practice that points others to God.

 **Icebreaker**

What is your favorite word? Maybe one that you use a lot or you like the sound of.

 **Discussion Questions**

1. Read **Proverbs 18:21**. Our words can either elevate people or bring them down. What's the most encouraging thing someone has ever told you? The most hurtful? How have these words stuck with you?
2. Read **John 16:33**. Jesus shared a difficult truth with his disciples but provided encouragement as well. How can we be encouraging without compromising truth? Which half of "speaking truth in love" (Ephesians 4:15) do you struggle with: speaking the truth or speaking with love?
3. Read **Proverbs 11:25**. Encouragement is good for both the giver and the recipient. What are some responses you've received from encouraging others?
4. Read **Hebrews 3:12-13**. Encouragement isn't just about being nice to someone; it's pointing them to God. How does encouragement reflect God's goodness? How does it steer us away from sin?
5. **Hebrews 3:13** tells us to encourage one another *daily*. Why is it important to encourage each other every day? What are some ways to do that?

 **Concluding Questions**

Try starting the daily discipline of encouraging one another with your group right now. What encouraging things can you say to others here? How can you encourage other group members who may not be here? Who else in your life could benefit from your encouragement this week?

 **Application**

1. What do you think the Holy Spirit may be saying to you through this sermon and our discussion?
2. What is something God wants you to do now?
3. Beyond prayer for each other, is there a way we can help each other apply what God is showing us?

 **Prayer**

Possible prayer topics for this week:

- Opportunities for encouragement
- Careful discernment of words to others
- Pointing others to God
- Gratefulness for those who gave their lives in service to our country