

Mission Amidst Madness
Hold on to one another.
Discussion Guide, January 17, 2021

CHECK UP:

Memory Work Review: Therefore, dear friends, since you have been forewarned, be on your guard so that you may not be carried away by the error of the lawless and fall from your secure position. But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! Amen. - 2 Peter 3:17-18

- What intentional steps did you take to grow in your journey with God this past week?

OPEN:

- What is the church?
- What does it mean to be devoted to the church?

READ and ASK: Hebrews 3:12-13, 10:19-25; Acts 2:42-47;

1 Thessalonians 5:11, Romans 12:5

- How do these texts help us to understand what church is?
 - o Does church focus more on people, buildings, programs or traditions?
 - o Why is that important?
- What do these texts teach us about the importance of "holding on" to each other as the church?
- What do the Hebrews passages specifically teach about gathering together? How do these passages encourage those who gather to be more than passive church attenders?
- How often and where did the early church gather? How does Acts 2 show the church as "doing life together" and also gathering in larger groups?
- Who does Romans 12 tell us we belong to?
 - o What significance does that have?
 - o Have you ever thought of yourself as "belonging" to other members of the church?

APPLY:

- How has HOLDING ON to others been a benefit to you amidst madness?
 - o How have you been a benefit to others?

- One of Cornerstone's values is BE PRESENT (physically, mentally and spiritually). Why is being present important to fulfill the texts we read above?
 - o How do you need to commit to BEING PRESENT this week (even if you are unable to attend church amidst the pandemic)?

- Another one of our values is to HOLD ON to one another. Why is holding on to one another key in growing in your journey with God and ultimately being and making better followers of Jesus?

- To go back to the opening question, what does it mean to be devoted to the church?
 - o NEXT STEP: How can you be more devoted to the church in the coming weeks? How can you do so starting this week?

Memory Work: And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching. -

Hebrews 10:24-25