

God Centred Community



Worship

Take ten minutes to allow everybody to read through and meditate upon Psalm 145. You might want to have a worship tape playing quietly in the background while you do this. Ask everyone to focus particularly on those phrases in the psalm which tell us about the character of God, who He is and what He does. (There are a few verses which begin “The Lord is...”, these are a good place to start.)

After meditating for a few minutes, take some time to allow as many people as possible to offer short prayers of worship based on what you have read, thanking God for who He is.



Bible Study

Discuss together what it means to be a “God-centred Community”. What are the characteristics of such a community?

Read Hebrews 10:19-25

- What are the key things that the writer to the Hebrews is encouraging his readers to do? (“Let us...”)
- Are these things linked in any way?
- How do we go about “Holding unswervingly to the hope we profess”? (v.23)
- How do we go about “Spurring one another on toward love and good deeds”? (v.24)
- How do we go about “Encouraging one another”? (v.25)
- Why do you think the writer considers it so important that the believers go on meeting together?
- Ask each person to share a little about an occasion when another Christian has “spurred them on towards love and good deeds”.
- What effect did this have on their relationship with God?
- What effect did it have on their relationship with the other person?



Reflection

Think about your own group, and discuss together honestly...

- How good are we at encouraging one another?
- How good are we at spurring one another on towards love and good deeds?
- How open are we to being spurred on...?
- Are there any steps we could take to help make this a natural part of our group life?



Prayer

Pray for one another and for your group. Ask the Lord to make you more and more the kind of God-centred community within which each member is regularly encouraged and spurred on towards love and good deeds.