

Once upon a Christmas – Week 1 Jesse DeYoung December 4th, 2022

// Bible References
Hebrews 10:23-25, 2 Peter 1:12, Proverbs 12:12

// Community Question

Is it easy to go to church? What does it cost you?

Does it make a difference if we attend online or whether we are "in the room"? What are the advantages of meeting together?

// Discussion Questions

- 1. Read Hebrews 10:25. In this verse the writer of Hebrews talks about habits. Share some good and bad habits you have. Why do you think the writer of Hebrews encourages us to make a habit out of meeting together?
- 2. Read Hebrews 10:23. A way we can confess our shared hope is by singing together. Share some benefits or struggles that you have experienced when singing together/worshiping.
- 3. Read Hebrews 10:24. Hebrews says that when Christians meet together, we should "stir one another up" towards love and good works. How does meeting together help us in our walk with Christ?
- 4. To encourage someone means to "put courage into." One way we do that is to point out specific qualities we appreciate of someone. If comfortable, go around the room and point out a quality you appreciate in another person in the group. (If you're reviewing these questions alone, think about calling someone and encouraging them.)
- 5. Read Hebrews 10:25 Hebrews says there is an urgency to meet *more* when things get harder. Why would this be true?

// Challenge: Do you know someone who you haven't seen at church for a while? Who can we reach out to this week and invite them to come back to an in-person service?