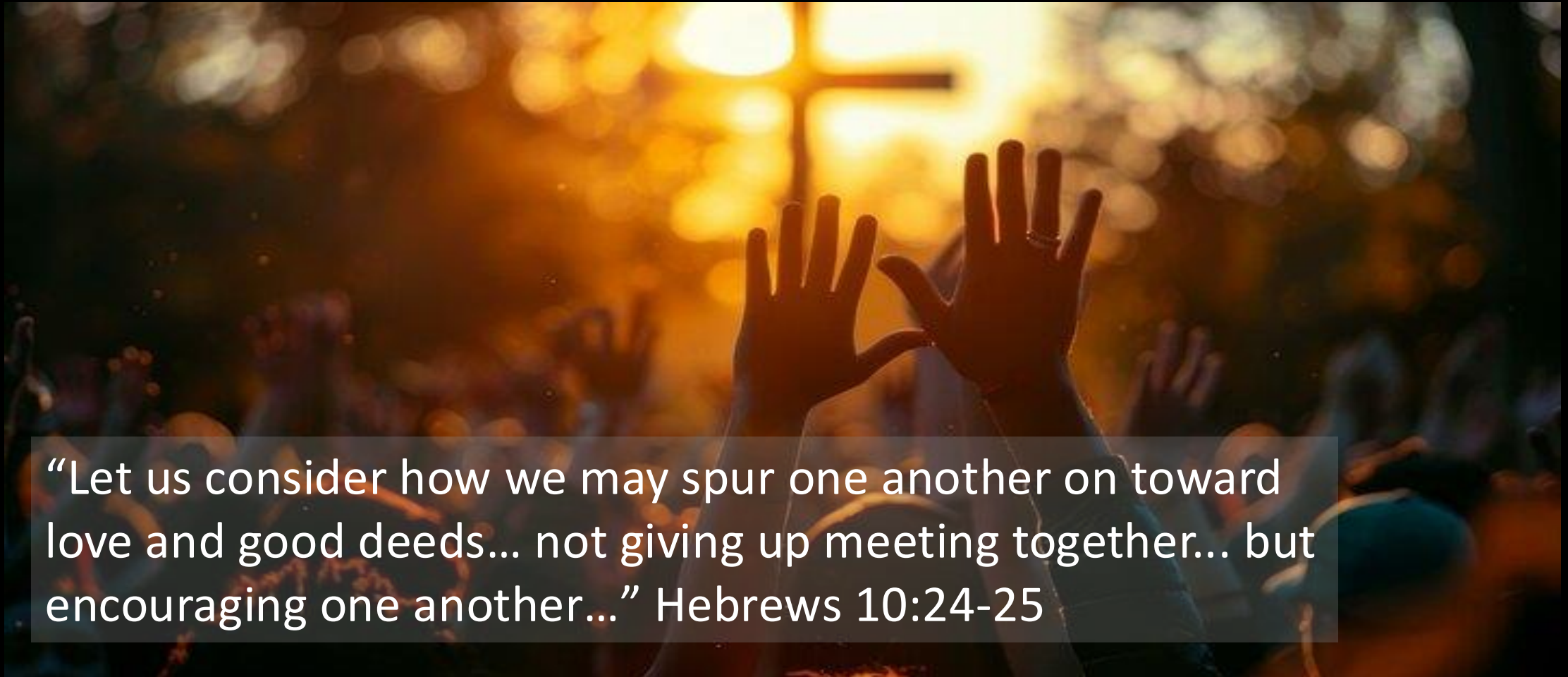


RELATIONSHIP IN COMMUNITY



“Let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds... not giving up meeting together... but encouraging one another...” Hebrews 10:24-25


THE AGE OF CONVENIENCE – A SPIRITUAL CHALLENGE



- Life increasingly lived from the sofa
- Convenience shaping our spirituality
- “Why go to church when I can just watch online?”
- **Convenience is not community**

You can shop from home, learn from home, work from home... but you cannot be the Church from home.

JESUS BUILDS HIS CHURCH - NOT A BUILDING - A BODY

A close-up photograph of a brick wall. The bricks are arranged in a traditional running bond pattern. The colors of the bricks vary, with some being a reddish-brown and others a greyish-blue, suggesting different types of bricks or perhaps weathering. A semi-transparent rectangular text box is overlaid on the upper left portion of the image.

“I will build my church, and the gates of hell will not prevail against it.” Matthew 16:18

“We are not the architects. Jesus is the Builder. We are the bricks.”

WE ARE NOT JUST ATTENDERS – WE ARE BODY PARTS



For the body does not consist of one limb *or* organ but of many. If the foot should say, Because I am not the hand, I do not belong to the body, would it be therefore not be a part of the body? If the ear should say, because I am not the eye, I do not belong to the body, would it be therefore not be a part of the body? If the whole body were an eye, where would be the sense of]hearing? If the whole body were an ear, where would be the sense of smell? But as it is, God has placed *and* arranged the limbs *and* organs in the body, each one of them, just as He wished *and* saw fit *and* with the best adaptation. But if the whole were all a single organ, where would the body be? And now there are certainly many limbs *and* organs, but a single body. And the eye is not able to say to the hand, I have no need of you, nor again the head to the feet, I have no need of you... Now you collectively are Christ's body and individually you are members of it, each part severally and distinct each with his own place and function.

1 CORINTHIANS: 12: 14-21, 27

CONCLUSION



“Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God”
1 Peter 2:9-10

KEY QUESTIONS

1. Can we grow in Jesus — can we thrive as a disciple — while disconnecting from His Body?
2. Do I see church as something I attend — or something I am? Can I truly love Jesus, yet ignore His people?
3. Am I showing up for the Church — or spectating from the side-lines?