

3. Engagement = Prayerfulness

4. Engagement = Study

5. Engagement = Fellowship

6. Engagement = Service

7. Engagement = Acts of caring

8. Engagement = Participation & Interaction

9. Engagement = Accountability

In the lives of Children

In the lives of Teens

In the lives of Adults

Engagement counters isolation and consumer Christianity by cultivating connection and ownership. God grows disciples best in community, not isolation.

## Sunday School

# Refresh

## 2. ENGAGE - CONNECTING BELIEVERS IN BIBLICAL COMMUNITY

And let us *consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works:* <sup>25</sup> *Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.* Hebrews 10:24–25

A defining characteristic of the church is that it is an **assembly**.

Since the church is an assembly by definition, gathering is not **optional**—it is **essential** to its identity and mission.

*Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls. <sup>42</sup> And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.* Acts 2:42

The early church continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers. Their commitment was not occasional but faithful and consistent. When the frequency and devotion of the first-century church are considered, it becomes difficult to justify discouraging God's people from participating in Sunday School and Bible fellowship classes.

The Sunday school cultivates loving, accountable, and spiritually encouraging relationships within the body of Christ.

## BIBLICAL EXPLANATION:

Let's take another look at Hebrews 10:24-25 ...

1. Engagement initiates with **consideration**  
*And let us consider one another*
2. Engagement instigates **provocation**  
*to provoke unto love and to good works:*
3. Engagement insists on **congregation**  
*Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is;*
4. Engagement includes **exhortation**  
*but exhorting one another:*
5. Engagement intensifies with **concentration**  
*and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.*

## PRACTICAL APPLICATION:

Consider the following ways members and attenders may engage with one another through the Sunday School and Adult Bible Fellowship classes:

1. Engagement = **Attendance**
2. Engagement = **Preparation**