



**Knox Presbyterian Church  
Small Group Discussion Questions  
Better Together  
Week of November 20th**

**Get To Know Each Other**

Check in with the members of your group. What were the highs and lows of the last week? What's happened that might be important to let people know about?

**Read Scripture**

Our Scripture for today is Hebrews 10.19-25. Take a moment to read it aloud.

- What strikes you about this passage?
- What don't you understand?
- How does this passage speak to you?

**Group Discussion Questions**

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1. The Greek word used in the New Testament for 'encourage' is 'parakaleo.' That word is a combination of two other Greek words, 'para' and 'kaleo.' 'Para' means 'alongside.' To encourage someone is to come alongside them, to walk with them on their journey through life, especially when the way is rough. (Pastor Becca uses the example of one marathon runner putting his arm around another as they run.)

- What does it mean to 'come alongside' someone?
- What is it that's so encouraging about doing so?
- How have you been encouraged by people coming alongside you in your life?
- How have you been able to do that for others?

2. The second Greek word is 'kaleo,' which means 'to call out.' To encourage someone is to call out the goodness you see in them—the talents, gifts, and virtues they exhibit.

- a. Who is someone who encouraged you by 'calling out' your gifts? How have you been able to do that for others?
- b. There is a lot of criticism in our society today—of just about everybody. In what ways is encouragement counter-cultural today? What unique power does it have?

3. Pastor Becca points out that the word 'parakaleo,' meaning 'to encourage,' has the same root as the Greek word 'paraklete,' which means 'Holy Spirit.' We might say that the Holy Spirit is the great encourager!

- How does this insight change your perspective on the Holy Spirit?
- How have you experienced the Spirit's encouragement in your life?
- How does receiving encouragement from the Spirit empower us to encourage others in turn?

### **Action**

Your 'one another' challenge for this week is simple: find someone to encourage! It could be anyone: a friend or colleague, a spouse or family member, or someone you know in the community. Encourage them with a note, email, text, or kind word, and watch the Spirit work!

### **Closing**

Pray about this together.