

**Vision 2027 Week 4: Encouraging
Moving People to Jesus thru Love and Service.
We will be an Encouraging People.
Hebrews 10:19-25 and 1 Corinthians 12
January 29, 2023**

Recap, the last three weeks:

Magnify – Rejoicing as people come to life in Christ. What do we have to rejoice in?

Meet – Building relationships that lead to Gospel transformation, meeting people where they are.

Mature – Maturing disciples that make disciples.

This morning, **MOVE!**

Magnify – Meet – Mature – Move.

Discipleship pathway

While God is growing us He is moving us out in to obedience. We should always be listening to see what “next step” the Lord would have us take.

Move - We will be an encouraging people.

We said last week EVERY single person (believer) is either moving towards the Lord or away from Him. We can't forget that we are in a BATTLE!

As a believer, I need God, His Word and His people. If I can't say that I am moving closer to the Lord, then it's 100% I am moving away.

And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.

Hebrews 10:24-25

For I long to see you, that I may impart to you some spiritual gift, so that you may be established.

Romans 1:11

God's Church:

It's beautifully imperfect.

In it, we all have different gifts – same Lord (1Corinthians 12:4-6)

Ways to serve!

It's to profit all (1Corinthians 12:7 - for the building up/adding on)

It's God's plan (1Corinthians 12:11)

As a part of the body, we need each other (1Corinthians 12:12-14)

Encouragement

Accountability

The good and the bad

When we fail to do our part inside of God's Church, the whole body suffers (1Corinthians 12:15-26), not to mention unbelievers.

What if everyone served, gave and loved like I do in God's Church, what would God's Church look like?

God never call us to be consumers, rather to be servers and followers.

Yet it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to become great among you, let him be your servant.
Matthew 20:26

He wants us to be obedient to the Head of the Church and that's not me, it's the Lord.

In doing all that God wants EACH of us to do as a PART of His Church, we can then be ready for "those not here yet."

A Healthy Community is attractive/contagious (Aquila and Priscilla to Apollos Acts 18:24-28)

**Safe
Welcoming
Edifying
Supportive**

Areas of service could be born out of tragedy, struggles, hurt, etc. (2 Cor 1:3-4, Heb 2:18, 4:15)

Giving time and energy, money, knowledge and abilities.

Do you see a man who excels in his work? He will stand before kings; He will not stand before unknown men.
Proverbs 22:29

No small things.

We will receive an award.

Work faithfully as if of the Lord. (Col 3:23-24 and Eph 6:5-8)

Continue living a "so that life." Let's live in community with one another, truly being the Church, the Body of Christ, so that we will be a lighthouse to the lost and fragrant aroma to our King.

Prayer Focus:

- **The Lord would make us one.**
- **I would find my gift.**
- **I will serve.**
- **I will be a vital part of God's body.**