



Series Overview and Guides

2022-2023 ANNUAL THEME | SERIES 1

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Objective

what we hope to see God accomplish in us through this study

That we spur each other on in Christ.

STATEMENTS OF THE OBJECTIVE

"Iron sharpens iron, and one person sharpens another."
—Proverbs 27:17

"We don't need mere information. We need constant motivation!"
—an unnamed Elder spoken to Wayne Braudrick

WORDS OF WARNING

This will not be an adventure for the faint of heart. Three problems will almost certainly arise should the vision take hold and motivate the body:

Offense - It is often difficult for Christians to accept that our brethren are called to "provoke" each of us positively. We see any catalyst, any provocation as inherently negative, and thus become defensive.

Overbearingness - There are moments in any community when certain persons decide they make a great holy spirit. We slip into this sin precisely because we presume to be better at conviction and leadership than the real Spirit Himself.

Outcome Paralysis - There is a serious risk aversion in Americans today that leaves people frozen in fear unless a positive outcome is guaranteed in the short term.



Frisco Bible Church
a redeemed community

Premise

why we are studying this

Our commission as Christians is to positively impact humanity by taking Jesus' words and ordinances to all the world. In God's wisdom, this is primarily accomplished not through ruling, but serving. Yet, our service isn't passive. Christians are called to be active people, ones who take on new adventures by embracing the continual process of growth in Christ. This has always been a struggle for Christians because Satan, our own flawed flesh, and the world system work against our forward motion. Thankfully, our forebears left us examples of people who accomplished amazing things, changing the world for the good many times over.

STATEMENTS OF THE PREMISE

"As for you, brothers and sisters, do not grow weary in doing good."
—1 Thessalonians 3:13

"They were men who believed simply, felt passionately, saw through complex issues to the black-and-white, were aggressive in word and deed and understood this world as but a shadow of a greater reality. And it was because they were the men they were – heroes in every sense of the word – that they turned the tide of events, took hold of a culture that seemed doomed to extermination by superior forces and forged the civilization of which we are the heirs."

—Derek Wilson
Charlemagne

Theme

what the study is about

We are called to propel each other forward in Christ. Specifically, Hebrews tells us to put considerable thought into *paroxysmos* (παροξυσμός) – a term which in that context means "to stimulate, sharpen, spur." Historically, paroxysmos began as a word for jabbing someone with a sharp stick! This is a strong calling, but a positive one. Hebrews 10:24-25 declares that in this catalytic work, we must spur each other to:

1. Love
2. Good deeds
3. Assembling together
4. Encouragement.

Fortuitously, those four activities remove our four large blockades!

1. Concern over reactionary hatred is conquered by love. [See 1 Peter 4:8 and 1 Corinthians 13.]
2. Evil can be conquered by doing good. [See Romans 12:21.]
3. Isolation – even from great pain – is conquered by God and celebrated in assembly. [See Psalm 22:22-25.]
4. Discouragement is undone by encouragement. [See Isaiah 35:3-4 and 1 Thessalonians 5:11-15.]

STATEMENTS OF THE THEME

"And let us consider one another in order to provoke love and good works, not neglecting to gather together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging each other, and all the more as you see the day approaching."

—Hebrews 10:24-25

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GROUP DISCUSSION



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SCRIPTURE READING

Hebrews 10

KEY IDEAS

THEME

God expects us to spur each other on. By His Spirit, we speak truth in love such that we emphasize four great things among the body of Christ:

- Love
- Good deeds
- Assembling together
- Encouragement

OBJECTIVE

We are catalysts in the body of Christ.

PLANTING SEEDS

“My old boss Tom Russell taught me ‘Everything is a process.’ We must build the right processes in ourselves, performing the ‘little things’ that add up to great results. We should also motivate our brethren to achieve God’s great vision for us by doing the right things every day. In God’s Old Testament phrase, we must keep urging each other to ‘break up unplowed ground’ and keep forging ahead.”

—Dan Cox
FBC Elder

PRAYER

Pray for each other this week, that we encourage each other by speaking the truth in love.

Session 1: Apply the Spurs

1. Read Acts 17:15 and 1 Corinthians 13:5. What do these say about being provoked about something?
 - a. When have you recently been provoked and why?
 - b. What action did you take?
2. Read Hebrews 10:23-25.
 - c. Each verse encourages us to do something. What are these encouragements?
 - d. Of these encouragements, which do you neglect most often or fall short of?
3. Examine yourself (True or False):
 - ___ I have not done good that I knew I should (see James 4:17).
 - ___ I have repaid evil for evil (see 1 Thessalonians 5:15).
 - ___ I get tired of encouraging others (see 2 Thessalonians 3:13).
 - ___ I sometimes talk what needs done more than actually getting it done (see Proverbs 14:23).
 - ___ I tend to think that good works are optional (see Ephesians 2:10).
 - ___ I often let other activities replace church gatherings (see Hebrews 10:25).
 - ___ I am not always ready to share (see 1 Timothy 6:18).
 - ___ I do not prioritize doing good to other Christians (see Galatians 6:10).
 - ___ I am sometimes lazy or sloppy in what I do (see Colossians 3:23).
 - ___ I rarely think about the return of Jesus (see Hebrews 10:25).

The ideal is to have no True responses; Lord willing, that is where we are going get by the end of this coming year.
4. Activate! – What would you like to see accomplished in your life this year because of the Annual Vision?



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SCRIPTURE READING

Selected Scriptures: 1 John and James

KEY IDEAS

THEME

Love only makes sense because of the nature of God. Because God is love, humans made in His image are naturally drawn to love. Doing good only makes sense because of the nature of God. Because God is good, humans made in His image are naturally in favor of good deeds. The Christian is called to love and do good deeds; in fact, Hebrews 10 commands believers to motivate the brethren to perform each. When we do so, God is glorified, the church is edified, and non-believers are magnetized – drawn toward the Lord.

OBJECTIVE

We love and do good.

AN ACT OF LOVE

“While waiting in line at the store, I got into a chat with the family in front of me – an 11-year-old boy and his mom. I learned that Eli loves baseball, is in 6th grade, and goes to church across town. He even told me his favorite kind of candy. I told him mine. When the cashier finished scanning my items, she said, ‘And these are for you.’ She then handed me a bag of my favorite candy that Eli had secretly purchased with his own money and left for me at the counter.”

—From a note to Wayne Braudrick

PRAYER

Pray for each other this week, that we show love and kindness to each other.

Session 2: Love and Do Good

1. Ice Breaker: What is something you love? Why do you love it?
2. Read 1 John 4:7-11.
 - a. In verse 9, how did God show His love for us?
 - b. In verse 11, what is our response to be?
3. Read Hebrews 10:23-25. Think of some creative ways to stir one another up to love others. How can your Life Group show love to others?
4. Read James 1:17.
 - a. If good comes from God, how will your good works glorify God?
5. Read James 2:15-16.
 - a. Why are good works needed in addition to loving someone?
 - b. Where can you find a need to help people who are without clothes or food?
 - c. How will such good deeds draw people to the Gospel?



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SCRIPTURE READING

1 Corinthians 12

KEY IDEAS

THEME

God bestows the assembly on Christians, knowing that our ethics and health depend upon regular, covenanted engagement with the body. He also gives us the capacity to encourage, to help each Christian develop fully. We must take advantage of these gifts and spark them in our brethren.

OBJECTIVE

We assemble with and encourage each other.

CHRIST-CENTERED COMMUNITY

“Some join far-left or far-right tribes because they face depressing isolation and long for a community on a mission. What would it look like if extremist political groups saw their membership rolls crash because there were just so many vibrant Christ-centered communities offering substantial answers to the human predicament and seeking justice with the fruit of the Spirit rather than endless outrage?”

—Thaddeus Williams
Losing Faith in Leftism

PRAYER

Pray for each other this week, that we are faithful in our fellowship with each other.

Session 3: Assemble and Encourage

1. Read Hebrews 10:23-25.
 - a. Why are Christians today neglecting to come and worship together with other believers?
 - b. Why is “online worship” not the same as coming together?

2. Why are Bible centered churches continuing to grow and mainline denominations declining?
 - a. Why is being part of the body of Christ important?
 - b. How is this partnership manifested in the Frisco Bible Church mission statement (*below*)?

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3. Read 1 Corinthians 12:12-14.
 - a. Why is being part of the body of Christ important?
 - b. How is this partnership manifested in the Frisco Bible Church mission statement (*below*)?

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4. If you or someone you know has gotten out of the habit of joining in the weekly assembly of the saints, what can you do to encourage them to return?
 - a. What can you do in the assembling together to help others see that in such assemblies there is strength we all need?
 - b. Who can you encourage today?

