

Reason to Believe
Community of Faith Study Guide

“Some Christians try to go to heaven alone, in solitude. But believers are not compared to bears or lions or other animals that wander alone. Those who belong to Christ are sheep in this respect, that they love to get together. Sheep go in flocks, and so do God’s people.” – Charles Spurgeon

Monday:

Acts 2:42-47

- What four things did the church in Acts continue to do according to this passage?
 - What things happened as a result of the church doing these four things?
- Of these four things, what are you doing regularly and what are you not doing regularly?
 - According to verse 46, the church met together regularly in what two ways?
- Why do you think it was so important to them to meet all together in the temple *and* from house to house in small groups?
 - Are you signed up for any church small groups this semester?
 - If not, how do you think you are personally following this biblical model given to us in verse 46?

Tuesday:

Hebrews 10:23-25

- What are we encouraged to do in verse 24?
 - *Why* do you think we would be encouraged to do this?
- What are we told we need to do in verse 25?
 - We are instructed to meet together so much more as we see the Day of Christ’s return approaching. Why do you think the answer to being prepared for Christ’s return would be to meet together more?

Wednesday:

Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

- What does verse 9 tell us about the value of being in good relationships?
 - What will happen to the person who is not if they fall?
- Who is warned in verse 10? Why?
- Verse 12 tells us that by ourselves we are unprotected. In what ways do you think we are we spiritually unprotected when we are by ourselves?
- According to verse 12, why is it so important to be in close godly friendships and partnerships?
 - Do you have these types of relationships in your life?
- Think about a time when you walked through a difficult season on your own. How do you believe the support of a small group would have impacted the way you walked through that season?

Thursday:Proverbs 11:14

- According to this verse, what happens to us when we don't have access to wise advice from godly people in our lives?
 - So how do we ensure safety for ourselves?
- What are some of the common pitfalls that could be in our paths as believers that cause us to stumble?
 - How do you think others help us to avoid these pitfalls?
 - Why is protecting each other so important?

Friday:John 17:20-23

- What does Jesus pray for us to be in verse 21?
 - According to the same verse, *why* does He pray this?
- How do you think being in close unity and relationship as believers affects the world believing in Jesus?
 - What do you think are some practical ways that we are able to do more for God together than alone?