

“Spur One Another On”

1. Tell of a time when you were part of a team with high expectations for one another (e.g., a sports team, musical group, or work group). Were team members effective in encouraging one another to excellence? Were any problems caused by attempts to hold one another accountable? In your opinion, how could the team have done a better job of spurring one another on?
2. Read 1 Thessalonians 2:1–12. Here Paul models for the church the kind of behavior and care for one another that he expects from them (5:11, 14). From this passage, what behaviors of Paul led to his success in ministering to the Thessalonians? How can these behaviors be practiced among Christians today?
3. *“Let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another”* (Hebrews 10:24–25). Think carefully about our various meetings: worship assemblies, Bible classes, LifeGroups, etc. What, in our common practices, serves to spur one another on? In each of our various meetings, what might be limiting us from spurring one another on?

Recurring Questions

- » How have you seen God working in your life or the lives of those around you this week?
- » What prayer requests would you like to share with the group, including prayer for any spiritual struggles you may be experiencing?