



2023.03.19

MESSAGE NOTES

Being Connected

Hebrews 10:24-25

Loyd Flaherty

1. Being connected vs being isolated

Hebrews 10:24-25 says "And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, 25 not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching."

When we are surrounded with people who we love and who understand us, we feel connected. On the other hand, if we feel people don't really know us and don't care if we exist we feel isolated.

Ecclesiastes 4:9-10 says "Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor:10 If either of them falls down, one can help the other up. But pity anyone who falls and has no one to help them up"

When people don't feel connected, the isolation can be a very painful and lonely experience.

2. Helping others to be connected

When you arrive to an unfamiliar place it's so wonderful to meet up with someone who helps you be part of the community.

John 15:12-13 says "My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. 13 Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends."

Jesus often connected up with people who were isolated from others. For example, Jesus spends time with Zacchaeus, and his life is transformed by this. (**Luke 19:1-10**).

3. Mutually encouraging each other

Everyone needs to be connected with people who they can relax and have a meal with. Jesus connection with Mary, Martha and Lazarus.

John 11 tells the story of how Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead, and John 12:1-8 describes a dinner that took place in their home.

Conclusion and Application :

Being connected is necessary for our emotional and spiritual wellbeing. Let us love as Jesus has loved us and help connect others to have fellowship with each other and with our Heavenly Father.