



## Discussion Questions for weeks of January 23, 2019

### BIG IDEA:

The Bible says that meeting together with other Christians and deepening Christ-centered friendships is something that we should not ignore or take lightly. Hebrews 10:25 says that we should “never give up” meeting together so that we can consistently encourage, support, and strengthen each other.

Over the last 3 weeks, we’ve talked about Authenticity, Accountability, and Encouragement. This week we are talking about staying the course, being inspired, and growing.

### ICE BREAKER:

What would happen to this group if it didn’t have an adult leader? Would you be able to lead? How? Who wants to try? Leaders are going to step back and let the students take over the group! Here are your instructions:

### DISCUSSION:

Look up and read Hebrews 10:24-25 together.

1. Let’s recap- this month we are talking about friendship. What are characteristics of God’s friends?

*Authenticity/ Go Deep, Lean in/ Accountability, Encouragement/ Inspiration*

2. How would you define inspiration? Where in Hebrews 10 is it calling us to inspire or be inspired?

3. Why do you think it might be important to add inspiration on top of other attributes?

4. What is the difference between authenticity, accountability, and Encouragement? How would you define them? Try to share an example of each could be put into practice.

*Authenticity – Being real and trusting others to accept the real you.*

*Accountability - Inviting each other to confront weakness and sin.*

*Encouragement – Inviting each other to share uplifting truth*

5. Read Mark 2:1-5 together.

6. Who was in need in this passage?

7. Who worked the miracle in this passage?

8. Who brought the man to Jesus in this passage?

9. Do you think random strangers did a random act of kindness or do you think these were his friends?

10. How does this passage go together with encouragement in Hebrews 10:24-25?

11. In a physical and literal sense this man was brought to Jesus by his friends.

12. Ask for examples- How can we do that here? When would we need to do that here? How can we do that now?

### APPLICATION:

13. What has been your biggest take-away from this series? Where has God challenged you to grow or lead out?

14. Put Hebrews 10:25 and the last 3 weeks of lessons into practice and make the effort to encourage each other with authenticity, accountability, and Encouragement. Ready...Set...Go!

*A great way to finish would be to let each student encourage the person next to them either with a way they have seen them grow in the last few weeks/months, or a way they want to lovingly spur them to grow in a certain area.*



## MEMORY VERSE HEBREWS 10:25

*Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.*