



PULPIT CURRICULUM

“Growing through Active Engagement”
October 11 - October 17, 2020

1. GOING DEEPER

Various Text: Psalm 27: 4; 1 Timothy 3:14-15; Hebrews 10: 24 – 25

1a) Compare and contrast Psalm 27: 4 and Matthew 6:33a.

b) What is meant by the phrase “the house of God” and what kind of experiences are believers likely to have as a result of being in “the house of God”?

2a) Believers are called to strengthen their foundation of truth (1 Tim. 3: 14 – 15). The church does not create truth but _____ it and _____ it.

b) A foundation built on truth should be intentional. In what ways can this be achieved in a community of believers?

3a) Describe practical ways of ‘opposing social isolation’. Identify at least three (3) scripture references to support your choices.

b) Dangers, toils and snares are some of the outcomes when individuals pull away from the Uncommon Community. Discuss these negative outcomes and how you would help a fellow believer to avoid such.

2. ASSESS YOUR LIFE

1) How committed are you to growing within an Uncommon Community?



I am unsure what active engagement requires



I am somewhat engaged but my commitment levels waver at times



I am fully committed to doing life with others so as to benefit them and myself



2) What can you do to create an environment that is conducive to growth?

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____

3. APPLICATION

Of the list above, which one(s) will you be intentional about working on this week?

_____. I will ask _____ to hold me *accountable* in this.

Key Verses of The Week
Hebrews 10:24-25 (ESV)
“And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.”

Sermon Main Points

Sermon Highlights

As we seek to build a healthy church, we must:

- 🔦 Seek God's manifest presence (Psalm 27: 4)
- 🔦 Strengthen our foundation of truth (1 Timothy 3: 14 – 15)
- 🔦 Do all in our power to oppose social isolation (Hebrews 10: 24 - 25).

- 🔦 When we become actively engaged, we experience the presence of God in powerful ways and we grow as disciples.
- 🔦 Building a community is to the collective as spiritual practice is to the individual; whilst, as natural food is to the body, so is the word of God to our soul.
- 🔦 When God's people come together, there is something special and unique about that gathering. God shows up!
- 🔦 If you want to strengthen the foundations of truth, then seek to engage the processes and resources that the community makes available for your growth.

5 Day Study Plan ("Study to show yourself Approved unto God...")

Day 1

Psalm 27:4

What I learned (observation / interpretation):

How I will Respond (application):

Day 2

1 Timothy 3:14-15

What I learned:

How I will Respond:

Day 3

Galatians 6:2

What I learned:

How I will Respond:

Day 4

Hebrews 11:6

What I learned:

How I will Respond:

Day 5

Proverbs 18:1

What I learned:

How I will Respond:

Inductive Bible Study



Observation (*What does the text say?*)

This phase is about observing exactly what the text is saying.

Pretend you're an investigator who's just gathering the facts. Ask yourself the five W's and H: (Who, what, where, when, why, how).



Interpretation (*What does the text mean?*)

Discover what the author is trying to communicate. And to do this, you need to look at the context to determine

- 🔦 What is the **main theme** and what is the **meaning** of key words;
- 🔦 Examine **cross references**
- 🔦 Compare **translations**
- 🔦 **Summarize** the text
- 🔦 **Use** commentaries (last resort)



Application (*How should this affect Me?*)

Don't study the bible just for knowledge – study for application. If you stop at the interpretation stage, you are selling yourself short. Based on what you have learnt, ask yourself "How should this change the way I think, speak and behave?"

Seek to identify if there are - **Sins** to confess; **Promises** to claim; **Examples** to follow; **Actions** to obey or **Knowledge** to grow in.

For best results, this content should be read and prepared privately and then discussed in your small group or with family / friends.
We were not created to do life alone - get engaged today.