

# Setting Direction.

## ARPC Camp 2011 study

## Encouragement

**Key verse:** John 12b, 17.

Let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water.



**Big Idea:** The reason we are to spend time encouraging each other is because we know the joy of being fully accepted by God through the sacrifice of Jesus.

### Kick Off

Have a go at writing your definition of the word encouragement.

Reflect on the ARPC church camp and discuss what aspects you found encouraging and why.

### STUDY

Read Hebrews 10:11-25.

*Hebrews is a letter which drives the theme 'Jesus is Better' from beginning to end. The focus of this chapter points out how much better Jesus is at removing our sin than the old covenant priest and animal sacrifice system. With Jesus the old system is removed and we live in the new system or covenant as it is called in v16.*

1. Contrast the old priest and sacrifice system with Christ and his sacrifice vv11-18.

What is the underlying problem both systems are trying to address?

What things are the same in both systems and what things are different?

2. Verse 18 is the author's conclusion from his research in contrasting the two sin sacrifice systems.

What **can't** we do as fully forgiven people?

Is there a difference between sin sacrifice and Christian service? If yes what is it?

3. The conclusion from the contrast between Jesus and the old system is that Jesus is better and we stand forgiven. The implications from this are, we no longer present sin sacrifices to satisfy God. So the question is, 'What are we to do?' Verses 19-25 provide the answer. Work through this great "Lettuce" (Let Us) passage.

V22... What does it mean to draw near to God? How do we do so?

V23... How can we hold unswervingly to the hope we profess?

V24... What does it mean to *spur* each other on towards love and good deeds? and when was the last time you did that?

V25... why is meeting together such a good idea?

## THINK AND APPLY

We are to be encouraging each other. Think about where you are at in life. Where would you really like some encouragement? Share this with others so encouragement can begin.

Consider those in your group or your link members or others in the wider church. Are there people you could encourage?

Make a list of all the different ways you can think of to give encouragement.

How encouraging was the encouragement wall on camp for you and others?

## PRAYER

What can you pray about arising from this study?



For next week  
Read  
1 John 1:1-4