

Using God's Gifts

Hebrews 10:24-25

And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds.

—Hebrews 10:24

In Small Groups:

1. We spur one another on toward love and good deeds.

Spur on....

παροξυσμος *paroxusmos* *par-ox-oos-mos'*

translated - contention ... so sharp, and to provoke or spur on

From two words 1) *To make sharp, sharpen, stimulate, urge*
 2) *Sharp, swift, quick*

In Small Groups:

2. We fan into flame the Gift of God.

For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands. ⁷For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline. —2 Timothy 1:6-7

In Small Groups:

3. We do give up meeting together.

Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another... —Hebrews 10:25

Image of a Gas station:

Self-serve—gas only for me.

Full-service—give the works.

Image of a Rescue Ship

Theme verse for July:

Acts 2:46, “Day by day continuing *with one mind* in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house” (NASB)

Kingdom Assignment by Denny and Leesa Bellesi

Again, it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his property to them. —Matthew 25:14 (14-30)

3 Stipulations for accepting the Kingdom Assignment:

1. Recognize it as God’s money
2. It must be invested in the kingdom.
3. 90 days later, report what we did with the money.

New Day love offering received during Holy Communion, July 5, 2009 = \$500.

Kingdom assignment reports:

- Kylyn, a 7th grade girl, Trade um’ up tree, turned her \$100 into \$16,000 for a shelter for abused children.
- A couple sent on a marriage enrichment retreat
- Gospel bracelets made.
- A chiropractor buying cheeseburgers to feed the hungry in the inner city resulted in a regular feeding ministry with chiropractic adjustments.
- There are as many ways for God to invest the money as there are Christians using their gifts.

A Johnstown Real life story by Pastor Art Moffat