

*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.*

Worship team rehearsal isn't always easy. Sometimes the technology doesn't cooperate. Sometimes we don't get in the groove the first—or even the second—time we rehearse a song. Sometimes we're missing people, so there are gaps in the sound. But no matter what, the end of rehearsal is so sweet.

Why? Not just because we're all finally headed home, but because first before we leave, we share in a worship-themed devotional. It always sparks meaningful spiritual conversation and encourages us to pursue musical excellence while, even more importantly, seeking the Lord.

I've become so grateful for these midweek check-ins. Sunday mornings are always special—seeing our church family, singing together, and hearing what God has laid on our pastor's heart to share with us. But then the busy week begins, and I can sometimes lose the momentum I felt on Sunday. Rehearsal nights draw me back into the community that I only truly experience with other believers.

Hebrews 10:24-25 encourages us not to miss the opportunity to meet together, but instead to encourage one another toward love and good works. We weren't designed to do life alone. From the beginning, God created us for relationship and community. He created Adam and Eve and commanded them to "be fruitful and be fruitful and increase in number" (Genesis 1:28). We were never meant to hide away and keep everything to ourselves. There is such beauty in unity and fellowship. I believe it must grieve God when His children choose isolation over gathering together in worship, encouragement, and fellowship.

So, dear brother or sister in Christ, draw near to your faith family this week. Remember that they need you as much as you need them. Each of us plays such a unique role in this local Body of Christ, and without you, we aren't complete. This week, you may be the one who is needed to encourage, serve, or support someone else. But next week it may be your turn to lean on someone. Look for opportunities to be with other believers. Make the effort to gather, even when the week has been exhausting or life feels busy. I believe you will leave encouraged, refreshed, and reminded that you are part of something much bigger than yourself—just as I hope my fellow worship team members leave our rehearsal this week. There really is something sweet about gathering together.

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