

## *Consider Christ...*

Hebrews 3:12-15

When we are called to Christ, we are also called to His Body, the Church. We take great comfort in who Christ is - His character and His demonstrated love for us. What is sometimes harder for us though is finding peace with His Body which is made up of people just like us – sinners saved by grace! Nevertheless, if we are called to Him, we are called to one another also. (see 1 John 1:3,7)

3<sup>rd</sup> in a 4 part series of sermons on "Community"

~ What it is NOT: *People who need people are the luckiest people on the earth...*

~ Lord willing, what it is: People who recognize that Christ is their only source of life, peace and hope and that "The Source (Jesus) uses real, ordinary people as *resources* to accomplish the extraordinary."

1. The context - the letter to the *Hebrews*
  - a. Centered on **Christ** – 1:1-4;
  - b. Chiefly concerned with **Covenant**
  - c. Consistent reminder of our need
2. The community – don't forget your frailty
  - a. **Exhort**
  - b. **One Another**
  - c. **'Today'**

*Perseverance in faith is a community project. We have no warrant to think we will make it to heaven if we neglect the appointed means of mutual encouragement and warning. ~ John Piper, A Godward Life, p. 189*