

Do you feel connected or isolated? One of Satan's greatest strategies is to separate then destroy. As we finish our series called "Woke", we will look at the most important thing we can do to protect ourselves from Satan: Connecting with each other.

Week Seven: Easy Targets

**Text:** Selected Scriptures

## **Sermon Summary:**

Teaching points:

- 1. We are made strong as we are <u>trained</u> in godly living.
- 2. We are made strong when we are **connected** to the life of the Church.
- 3. We are made strong through the <u>encouragement</u> of other believers.

#### **Discussion Questions:**

These three larger questions will drive our discussion:

- 1. What did the Holy Spirit say to you through Sunday's sermon?
- 2. What are you going to do about it?
- 3. How can others help you and pray for you so you can do what God told you?

# What did the Holy Spirit say to you through the sermon?

- Sometimes we can be tempted to believe something "in our hearts," but our schedules and choices don't reflect our belief. Discuss this.
- What is the problem with living this way, and can you think of an example of this from your own life?
- Satan wants you to be weak, untrained, and discouraged. Why?

## What are you going to do about it?

- God wants you to stand firm in the faith. How do we do that?
- Based on the way you approach your faith, how vulnerable are you?
- What can you do this week to strengthen your faith?

## How can others in this group help you or pray for you?

- In what ways do you need to trust God and stand against the negative influences of our culture?
- How can others in your small group help you and pray for you to focus better on God and His will for you?

#### **MEMORY VERSE**

"...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."

Hebrews 10:24-25

## Christ and Culture - Making Sense of Today's World

The Engage team, together with HCBC Community Impact, has put together a four week video series with facilitator guides if small groups would like to diver deeper into the election, the Supreme Court battle, COVID continuation, and any other topic that is being overly-politized. This can equip us to help keep our focus on the main thing – God is in control and He has good plans for us. We want to maintain our witness during these times and not alienate the people we are called to reach. Take a look at the short into video and session outlines to get an overview of the series: <a href="https://www.engage-citizen.com/class/">https://www.engage-citizen.com/class/</a>

The Engage Team is available to assist any small group leader. They are also offering a Saturday morning Zoom format class from 9:30am – 11am starting October 10 to run through the 4-wk series for those who may be struggling with current events. Here is the registration link for that offering:

http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07ehbbzcif7f04d2af&llr=texh7rrab