ICEBREAKER:
If you were to write your own legacy (what people would say about you when you’re gone), what would you say? What would you want to be remembered for?

MESSAGE OVERVIEW:
We looked at the principle and practice of inspiration this week at First Wes. Inspiration is really encouragement, and to encourage is to inspire another with courage. Being encouraging is always intentional, never accidental, and starts with a choice. Encouragement is the purpose of our meeting together. We see in Philippians that we are to inspire others and to be on the look-out for love and good deeds. However, there is a danger in inspiration when we let moments of inspiration turn into forms of idolatry. Inspiring others calls us to gather, look, and encourage.

DISCUSSION:
(Leaders: The questions that follow are designed to stir reflection and discussion on this week’s primary message points. Please read through them prior to your meeting, so you can be prepared to prayerfully pace your group well. And remember, as a leader, your goal is to promote increased biblical awareness, as well as individual self-awareness – a combination that with the help of the Holy Spirit, results in revelation and transformation! Encourage honest processing, possibly by being the first to be vulnerable and transparent.)

Read Hebrews 10:24-25 out loud together.

- Who, in your life, has been an encouragement to you? What did they do that was so encouraging?
- Has there ever been a Christian in your life who has inspired you? What was it about them and what they did that inspired you?
- After reading Hebrews 10, how should Christian meetings look if we lived into this admonition to encourage one another? What do you think are some of the differences between a church that meets together to encourage and build up and one that doesn’t?
- There is a danger in inspiration when we let moments of inspiration turn into forms of idolatry. Have you ever seen this happen in your life? What did that look like? How did you deal with it?
- One of the ways that we can be an encouragement to others when they walk into the doors of First Wes is to serve them as unto the Lord. Have you considered jumping into volunteering here at First Wes? If you have, then how can you encourage those around you this week in your area of ministry? If you haven’t, then what’s stopping you from taking that step?
- Who is someone in your life today that you feel God is prompting you to encourage? What is a way that you can encourage them?

WRAP-UP/CLOSE:
What is the one thing that God is calling you to walk in obedience to this week?