Choices reveal priorities

- •Liquor referendum?
- •Sunday morning Bible classes?
- Sunday night assembly?
- •Wednesday night Bible classes?

In theory: vote matches practice / preference

Values

- How to determine the value of . . .
- •Diamonds?
- •Cars?
- Assemblies?



The Value Of Assembling

I. Increases Our Knowledge of Bible

Lk.4:16, Jesus / disciples

- Ac.20:5-7, Paul, Troas (v.32)
- 1 Pt.2:1-2, baby. Ho.4:6
- 2 Pt.3:18, growth through gospel (1:5-14)

Jn.3:19-21, reject all that rebukes them

Ro.1:28, not worthwhile to retain...

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II. Gives Opportunity To Worship God

Forsaking assemblies: commit sins Neglect . . .

- Assembly, Hb.10:25
- Lord's supper, Ac.20:7
- Giving, 1 Co.16:2
- Praying, Ac.2:42
- Singing, Ep.5:19

Forsaking assemblies: commit sins James 4:17

- 1. Hurts God Lk.17
- 2. Hurts church Rv.3:15-17
- 3. Hurts 'me' Ps.73

<u>Revelation 4:10-11</u> Heavenly behavior includes worship. Will I fit in? Am I preparing?

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III. We Are Provoked

And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works – Hb.10:24.

Rousing to activity; stirring up, provoking Urge strongly, appeal to, exhort, encourage

Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but <u>exhorting one another</u>, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching – Hb.10:25. The encouragement of Hebrews 10 •<u>VERBAL</u> encouragement

Words exchanged with brothers

• VISUAL encouragement

Good example seen in others

• VIRTUAL encouragement

Hb.11:4, do not see / hear Abel... (12:1)

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IV. Opportunity To Leave The World

Enough time in sin! 1 Pt.4:3-4

- •Lk.15
- •Hb.11:13-16
- •We are citizens of heaven, <u>Ph.3:20</u>
 - Citizens of Rome
 Citizens of heaven



Greatest desire: GO HOME

Psalm 42:1

As the deer pants for the water brooks, So pants my soul for You, O God

Psalm 84:2

My soul longs, yes, even faints for the courts of the LORD; My heart and my flesh cry out for the living God

Psalm 122:1

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go into the house of the LORD"