

## Encourage Your Hearts

[Eph 6:21-24 ESV] 21 So that you also may know how I am and what I am doing, Tychicus the beloved brother and faithful minister in the Lord will tell you everything. 22 I have sent him to you for this very purpose, that you may know how we are, and that he may encourage your hearts. 23 Peace be to the brothers, and love with faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. 24 Grace be with all who love our Lord Jesus Christ with love incorruptible.

### I. Intro

- A. Sending word about the goings on of the work of the church should bring encouragement.
- B. The church exists in every place where believers gather.
- C. Every country, tribe, and tongue are united:
  - 1. In the truth found in scripture
  - 2. In the love each has for another
  - 3. In the mission we are called to serve
- D. The church is globally separated, but spiritually united.
- E. Language, geography, context, and style will never separate the quinine church.

### II. Text

- A. In the closing verses of Ephesians we find words of comfort and encouragement
- B. Personal notes of real people serving in a volatile time.
- C. We need the reminder of our spiritual connectedness, our sameness of spirit, and our service to the Lord.
- D. The theological truth we have spent the last 17 months working through, ends with a personal note about sharing the work with the church.

### III. Points

- A. Serving with others
  - 1. We serve in the ministry of truth with others
  - 2. One voice calling out can have a huge impact, but many voices multiply impact.
- B. Serving with truth
  - 1. We proclaim the truth of scripture
  - 2. We don't have to come up with our own message
- C. Serving with purpose
  - 1. God has given us His purpose
  - 2. We see it all over scripture, and we experience it in service
- D. Serving with proclamation
  - 1. The proclamation of the gospel is encouraging to the hearer and the speaker
  - 2. We must proclaim so they will hear!

### IV. Close

- A. Our ministry is not confined to Texoma
- B. We are connected to the global work of the gospel: past, present, and future.

Sharing the gospel with 150+ would be like the people of this room, and 10 people from this group trusting Christ would be REVIVAL.