Keep Hanging Out

“And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, 25 not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing….” Hebrews 10: 24-25

Share this: I worship God on the golf course about as well as I golf at church.

This summer my wife and I rented a place on Harrison Lake. Our front yard was the beach, and its backdrop was Echo Island across the water. We joked about our deck office and dock office. Both inspired. Both said, “Yeah, God.”

We arrived home on a Saturday night and had a choice to make: to attend church the next morning, or not. You’ve probably been there. Maybe you’ve been away, or just had a tough week, or stayed up later than you hoped Saturday night. Staying in bed would feel so good, or golfing some links, or finishing that project.

So why does the writer of Hebrews encourage the new believers of Jesus to not stop meeting together? Why the call to connect?

I’m convinced it boils down to communication and change. God can speak to me on the dock, and that’s good; I am warmed to his presence and majesty. Yet if I only had earth and wind and water, I would wilt relationally. I would miss your laugh and our singing and Rick’s kid who answers loudly the pastor’s rhetorical questions. People communication doesn’t trump creation communication. They both count, and we commune with God through each.

*God, thank you for your church, your people, who fill and mold me. Thank you that despite the effort to be with your people, I so often come away stronger. May I make worshipping you that way a priority.*

Action Step: Hang out with God’s people this Sunday. Bring someone else along who may have been at the lake a while.