

Encourage Pillar Road Map 2.0

What is the Encourage Pillar? It is the Pillar that encourages, builds up, and strengthens others in Christ. This is a gift from God that we use to encourage others along the path to holiness in ways that Glorify God Alone by:

1. Developing an understanding of Biblical instruction on encouraging (Crawl)
2. Engaging in deliberately planned and spontaneous encouragement opportunities in Christ (Walk)
3. Encouraging others in Christ in every aspect of our Every-Day Ordinary Lives (Run)

Month One (Crawl) Understand what the Bible teaches about encouraging others in Christ

1. Meet twice during the first month: in the second and fourth week
2. Conduct a self-study during week 1: Rm 12:3-8 & 14:19, 1 Ths 5:11, Hb 3:13, Eph 4:29, 1 Cor 14:12, Pv 29:5
3. Develop a list of 10 Bible verses that offer encouragement; share with others in the pillar
4. Discuss the role of encouragement in the vital ministry of promoting “Hope in Christ”
5. Make a list of things that encourage you; differentiate encourage from flattery; discuss both with the group
6. Identify 12 people in your sphere of influence that you can encourage; be specific about how to encourage them
7. Read selected sections from Larry Crabb’s book, Encouragement: The Unexpected Power of Building Others Up
8. Do a study on encouraging, exhorting, building up, strengthening others using <https://www.gotquestions.org/>

Month Two (Walk) Apply what you learned to deliberately planned and spontaneous encouragement opportunities

1. Meet twice during the second month; large and/or smaller groups
2. Discuss opportunities that God has given you to encourage others in the past week; encourage your teammates
3. Pray with your team for an eye to encourage, encouragement opportunities, and relationships that will be built
4. Deliberately plan to encourage someone in your sphere of influence each day during the week
5. Spontaneously encourage someone in your sphere of influence each day during the week
6. Participate in one encouraging exercise as a pillar during month two
7. Read the book of Philippians and note how/where Paul encouraged the church; discuss as a group

Month Three (Run) Engage in serving God and others in your Every-day Ordinary Life

1. Meet twice during the third month; large and/or smaller groups
2. Catch your teammates up on your progress to date and pray together
3. Send one text of encouragement each day to someone you normally wouldn’t text that day
4. Continue deliberately and spontaneously encouraging those in your main sphere of influence
5. Read the book of Galatians and note how/where Paul encouraged the church; discuss as a group
6. Stop at least once each day to thank God and give Him the glory for the privilege of encouraging others each day
7. Journal daily on the impact that you’ve witnessed when you encouraged others
8. Continue studying encouraging, exhorting, building up, strengthening using <https://www.gotquestions.org/>

Endstate: Glorify God by devoting ourselves to a life of encouraging others in Christ in our every-day ordinary life.