

## Adult Impact Study Sheet

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September 3, 2023

If possible, read **Hebrews 10:24-25** from several translations.  
For additional insight go to [www.studylight.org](http://www.studylight.org) and [www.gotquestions.org](http://www.gotquestions.org).

1. In light of our passage today, consider the following thoughts from Paul Alexander's writing, *Why a Lone Ranger Christian is a Dangerous Concept*.<sup>1</sup>

Make note of Scriptures that support each of the thoughts given, and share why gathering in Christ makes a difference.

- **Lone Ranger Christians risk alienating Jesus** - The church is Jesus' body. So, to say you love Jesus while showing indifference toward the local church actually offends Jesus.
  - **Lone Ranger Christians hazard their own health** - Without sound preaching applied in the context of a local church, Lone Rangers remain malnourished.
  - **Lone Ranger Christians eviscerate their own accountability** - Often what the Lone Ranger Christian is after is an appearance of accountability, without the authority to actually hold him accountable.
  - **Lone Ranger Christians jeopardize their own perseverance** - By continually attending church we make our membership meaningful by knowing and being known, encouraging and being encouraged.
  - **Lone Ranger Christians lead others away from the safety of the flock** - The behavior of the Lone Ranger Christian leads others to wrongly believe that the Christian life can safely be lived in isolation from other Christians.
  - **Lone Rangers jeopardize their own maturity** – Forbearance, patience, self-control, self-denial, humble service, bearing others' weaknesses and sorrows, rejoicing with those who rejoice, gently restoring those who have fallen—this all happens in committed relationships, not haphazard encounters.
  - **Lone Rangers distort their own witness** - God designed the Christian life to be lived as a symphony, not a solo. Thus, our parts always sound best when sung with the rest of the choir.
2. Is it possible to attend church on a regular/fairly regular basis and still be a “Lone Raner” to a certain degree? How so?
  3. What can we do to individually enhance our ministry to one another, spurring one another on, and encouraging one another?
  4. On the second and fourth Sunday of each month we include a “One Another” slide in our PowerPoint announcements. Be sure to watch for them and “make your move!”

<sup>1</sup> Why a Lone Ranger Christian is a Dangerous Concept by Paul Alexander, 6/26/17