

Wednesday Night Fellowship Discussion Guide
8/3/22

Hebrews 10:19–25

¹⁹ Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰ by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, ²¹ and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²² let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. ²³ Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. ²⁴ And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, ²⁵ not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

Passage Summary

The book of Hebrews was written to believers to encourage them (and us) to persevere in our faith and to not return to any former way of belief. To accomplish this goal, the book centers in upon Jesus recognizing that He is fully God while at the same time being fully man. Hebrews tells us that Jesus reveals God and that He is superior to angles, to Moses, to the Mosaic covenant, to the earthly tabernacle, and to the priesthood established in Israel. The book also instructs us that faith is necessary to please God. Hebrews 10:19-25 identifies three commands that will up us build relationships which will help us succeed in life and persevere in our faith. In the passage the commands are identified by the opening phrase “let us” (v.22; v.23; v.24). They call us to:

- 1) Come close to God
- 2) Hold fast to your hope
- 3) Help others love and serve

Discussion Questions

Hebrews 10:22

²² let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

- 1) Come close to God

How did the sacrificial system allow for a person who was a part of the nation of Israel to draw near to God?

How has Jesus made drawing near to God better?

In a practical sense, how does a person draw near to God?

What has been helpful to you in your efforts to draw near to God throughout your life?

John talked about our tendency as humans to resist giving 100% of our lives to God 100% of the time. What are some reasons that we resist complete commitment to our God?

What are some ways that we can develop complete dependency upon God and draw near to Him fully and regularly?

Hebrews 10:23

²³ Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful.

2) Hold fast to our hope

How does one train and practice holding onto our hope?

What are some personal ways and some historical ways that God has proven His faithfulness?

What are the risks of holding on to our faith?

What are the risks of letting go of our faith?

What is coming if we hold fast to our faith?

Hebrews 10:24–25

²⁴ And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, ²⁵ not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

3) Help others to love and serve

How does the Gospel help us to “consider” others properly?

What rhythms or habits can we put into our lives that will cause us to “consider” others?

Who are some believers that God is laying on your heart to stir up to love and good works?