

## **Growth Group Discussion Guide**

Passage: Hebrews 10:19-25

**Overview:** In this passage, the author reminds us of the confidence we have through the priestly work of Jesus. In this confidence we are called to draw near to God, endure hardship for His sake, and stir up one another. Ultimately, this passage gives us a vision of church that is nothing less than the people of God gathered together before the throne of grace.



**Consider verses 19-22.** List the reasons we can approach God with confidence?

Compare: Matthew 27:50-51

Resource: The Veil Has Been Torn

In verse 23 we are called to hold on to Christ, even in the midst of hardship. How does remembering God's faithfulness help us persevere in the midst of trials?

Consider: Romans 8:32

Consider verses 24-25. What should characterize our relationships with other

Christians? What hinders these kind of relationships from forming?

Consider: Acts 2:42-47

Note: The words translated "stir up" and "encourage" mean to exhort and bolster.



Drawing near to God with a "true heart" (v. 22) means coming to Him honestly. How can we pretend to be less sinful than we actually are? How does deeper honesty lead to fuller assurance in our Christian lives?

Consider: 1 Timothy 1:15

Why might someone neglect to meet with other believers? Does neglecting to meet with other believers affect us spiritually?

Resource: Not Gathering with the Church Hurts You Spiritually



How does this passage change how you approach Sunday morning gatherings? *Resource: Touchstones of Gospel Culture at Grace* 

Practically, how can we stir up and encourage one another each day? How can we love those who are unable or neglecting to meet with us?



## **Growth Group Prayer Guide**

"He always lives to make intercession for them" (Heb 7:25)

## Use the prayers below to root your prayer for one another in Scripture.

God of our Lord Jesus Christ, Father of glory, give us (or) the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of you, having the eyes of our (his, her) heart(s) enlightened, that we (he, she) may know what is the hope to which you have called us (him, her), what are the riches of your glorious inheritance in the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of your power toward us who believe, according to the working of your great might. (Based on Ephesians 1:17-19)
Lord, make us (or) increase and abound in love for one another and for all, so that you may establish our (his, her) heart(s) blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints. (Based on 1 Thessalonians 3:12-13)
May we (or) not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let our (his, her) requests be made known to you, O God. And may your peace, which surpasses all understanding, guard our (his, her) heart(s) and mind(s) in Christ Jesus. (Based on Philippians 4:6-7)
God of hope, fill us (or) with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit we (he, she) may abound in hope. (Based on Romans 15:13)
Lord Jesus Christ, and God our Father, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace, comfort our hearts (or the heart of) and establish us (him, her) in every good work and word. (Based on 2 Thessalonians 2:16-17)
O Lord, help us (or) always to rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, and be constant in prayer. (Based on Romans 12:12)

"Prayer is nothing but taking God's promises to him, and saying to him, "Do as thou hast said."

Prayer is the promise utilized." - Charles Spurgeon