

A CONFIDENT COMMUNITY

HEBREWS 10:19-22

CHURCH GROUP SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE – JUNE 22, 2025

SCRIPTURE READING

Hebrews 10:19-22

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.

ICE BREAKER QUESTION

When you get lonely, where do you turn, or what do you do?

SERMON RECAP

The church should display the kind of relationships that are possible through a shared commitment to Jesus Christ. The church has an enemy who, if he can't stop you from being granted salvation, he'll stop you from experiencing the joy of it. And one of the tactics that the enemy will use is to get you by yourself...to have you live in isolation. The tool that God desires to use for you to experience what is already yours is the Christian community.

God is calling us to be the kinds of people who he sends like a cavalry to the lives of our brothers and sisters in Christ to declare over them what they already possess in Christ:

- You were made to live before the God of the universe, fully known and fully loved.
- When you are confident that you are fully known and loved by God, you can stand with confidence before people.
- The community of faith is how those who possess confidence in Christ experience confidence in Christ.
- We need people around us to help us experience God's faithfulness to his promises.

How to draw near with confidence:

- Fill up on the word of God.
- Open up to receive the word of God.

Observation: What does the passage say?

1. Read Hebrews 10:19-22 aloud as a group. Let group members share observations. Try not to move into interpretation of the passage or application of what you read quite yet. Simply share what you observe.
 - Where are we called to go in verse 19?
 - By what way are we told to go in verse 20?
 - How (with what) are we called to go in verses 21-22?
 - How would you summarize Hebrews 10:19-22?

Interpretation: What does the passage mean?

1. Read Hebrews 10:19
 - Into what "holy places" are we called to enter?
 - What does it mean to have confidence?
 - What does it mean that God fully knows us, yet He still fully loves us?
 - How does confidence come from Christ alone?
2. Read Hebrews 10:20
 - What is the "new and living way" that Christ opened for us?
 - What is the relationship of the "curtain" in the temple to the "flesh" of Jesus?
 - What does it mean to rely on Jesus' finished work on the cross?

- How does reliance on Christ alone drive us toward one another?
3. Read Hebrews 10:21-22
- What is a true heart?
 - What is the full assurance of faith?
 - What is an evil conscience, and how does it drive us away from others?
 - How can communal pure water cleanse us and draw us together?

Application: How can we apply this passage to our lives?

1. Be Confident!
 - Honestly, where do you place your confidence?
 - In what or whom would someone watching your life say you place your confidence?
 - How might the enemy distract you by feeding you counterfeit confidence?
 - How can 'nothing but the blood of Jesus' give you confidence that you are enough?
 - How confident are you that you will stand righteous before God? Why?
 - How can your Church Group help you to grow in godly confidence?
2. Be Faithfully Reliant!
 - How does reliance on Jesus limit temptation?
 - How does reliance on Jesus lessen the pain of persecution?
 - How can reliance on other things or other people drive us into isolation?
 - Why can you rely on God's promises?
 - How is your faith an expression of your reliance on Jesus?
 - How can your Church Group support you to rely on Jesus more fully?
3. Be in a Grace-filled Community!
 - What sin or shame might you be holding back that's keeping you from committing to community fully?
 - What sin or shame might you see in others that's keeping you from giving them the grace that Christ gave you?
 - Who in your community can you turn to -no matter the issue or the cost- because they will guard you against temptation?
 - Where in your life do you need to be reminded that you are fully known and fully loved by God?
 - Who in your life do you need to remind that they are fully known and fully loved by God?
 - How is your Church Group faithfully filling up on the word of God and opening up to receive it?