

LG | Leader

[Hebrews 10:19-25]

WARM-UP (10 mins)

God's word is like oxygen to our souls. We desperately need it. Take a moment to pray for spiritual awakening in these next moments as we encounter His word.

- After hearing the sermon from Sunday, what most resonated with you? What were the takeaways for your family as a whole?
- In light of the message, have you resolved to make any life changes?

ILLUMINATION (40 mins)

Open your Bibles to the primary text.

1. Read our primary text, Hebrews 10:19-25. Let's gain some context for this passage. Who is the author and who is the audience? Who recalls the theme and purpose of Hebrews? [This *should* be relatively fresh for most of us]

The author of Hebrews is Unknown, although there are some likely candidates; Paul, Barnabas, Apollos. The audience is persecuted Christians, many facing imprisonment. The theme and purpose of the book of Hebrews is to elevate Jesus as superior and challenge to the reader to remain faithful despite persecution.

2. This Hebrews text speaks of an assembly of believers. Let's take a moment to read about the first assembly of believers in Act 2:41-47. How does this passage help shape our understanding of the church?

This passage gives us the true heart of the 1st generation church. They were a devoted, prayerful, generous, grateful, God-honoring, selfless people. We must lean in to our Christian heritage that beautifully modeled Christ's attributes.

3. Are there any parallels that you see in Acts 2:41-47 and our Hebrews text?

[Example: In Acts they gathered and had everything in common. In Hebrews the author admonished the same thing; do not neglect to gather and to hold fast their confession - the commonality that they were all saved by the grace of Jesus Christ.]

4. Acts 2 occurred during Pentecost. What is Pentecost? Where did it start? Why is it important?

Pentecost was one of the Jewish feast holidays that celebrated the arrival of the wheat harvest. Originally, Pentecost was called the Feast of the Harvest or the Feast of Weeks. It was called this because it occurred 50 days (or the 7th Sunday) after the celebration of the Firstfruits (Lev. 16, Numbers 28). The term Pentecost was a Greek term that was later adopted.

5. In Hebrews 10:19-25, what does the author assume about his audience? What picture is the author painting in these verses?

He assumes that they are very familiar with the Old Testament Scriptures. He references the holy places, the curtain, a great priest, being sprinkled clean, etc. He is painting a picture of the temple and what was required to approach God in the temple. Jesus fulfills the law (eliminating the need for continued sacrifice) and offers a better way, a path to God through Himself.

6. When you think about your role in the church, what does this passage inspire in you? How does it change the way to view the church gathering?

[Discussion]

7. This pause in the church gathering (covid-19) has likely revealed your desire or apathy towards the gathering of believers in the church. In light of this introspective revelation and in light of this text, what might you change personally as you return to the church gathering? What do you feel like needs to change in you as you return?

[Is there anything in you that desires to reintroduce yourself to the church? Start over? – Now is the time to start new]

PRAY

Use this time to pray specifically. Pray for the needs of others; locally and abroad.