



PERSONAL STUDY GUIDE

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BIBLICAL EMPHASIS:

Meeting with one another and developing the community of Christ is commanded and commended throughout the Scriptures.

MAIN POINT:

Our devotion to Jesus fuels our devotion to one another.

INTRODUCTION

- 1 What is your favorite hobby? Why do you love it so much?
- 2 How do common interests build community?
- 3 What benefits do you receive when you share your hobby with other people?

ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS

> Read Hebrews 10:19-25.

¹⁹ Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰ by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, ²¹ and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²² let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water. ²³ Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. ²⁴ And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. ²⁵ Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

- What is so significant about the statement, “We have confidence to enter the holy places” (v. 19)?
- How does your understanding of community change when you think of it as something you gain access to only through Jesus’ sacrifice?
- As we seek to live in community with other believers, why must we remember that we are saved by grace through faith and not by our good works?
- What three commands arise out of having confidence to enter God’s presence through the blood of Jesus (vv. 22-24)? Where do you see these commands at work in the people of Calvary?

- If we took these commands seriously, what would change in our lives?
- How might participating faithfully in the community at our church and in our group help you more clearly see the areas in your life that need to grow or change?
- What does it look like to “spur one another on to love and good deeds” (vv. 24-25)?
- What are some practical ways that we might demonstrate generosity in the way we live in community with one another?
- Why did the writer of Hebrews remind his readers that “the Day” is “drawing near” (v. 25)?
- What is taking place in our world today that causes us to take this seriously?

APPLICATION

- 1 How has your life been blessed by meeting regularly with others in community? Why is this essential for our spiritual health?
- 2 Having studied this passage of Scripture, is there any area where you think we could grow to better love and support one another? What steps can we take to see that growth occur?
- 3 Is there anyone you know who is not connected to this type of community? How can you help them get connected?

THIS WEEK

- Memorize Hebrews 10:25.
- Read John 13:34-35 on Monday.
- Read Acts 2:43-47 on Tuesday.
- Read Colossians 3:12-17 on Wednesday.
- Read Galatians 6:1-5 on Thursday.
- Read Matthew 8:1-13 on Friday.
- Read Ephesians 2:19-22 on Saturday.