



Main point: Let us participate in CG's as one way to draw near to God and consider others.

- (1) Let us draw near
- (2) Let us hold fast
- (3) Let us consider

#1:

Hebrews 4:16

Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

#2:

“Two things separated Luther from the rest of men: First, he knew who God was. Second, he understood the demands of the Law of that God. He had mastered the law. Unless he came to understand the gospel, he would die in torment.”

RC Sproul
The Holiness of God

#3:

“I grasped that the justice of God is that righteousness by which through grace and sheer mercy God justifies us through faith. Thereupon I felt myself to be reborn and to have gone through open doors into paradise.”

Martin Luther

#4:

“By virtue of the sacrifice of Christ, wherein his flesh was torn and rent, we have a full entrance into the holy place, such as would have been of old upon the rending of the veil.”

John Owen



#5:

“Self-love breeds the spirit of isolationism. He who does not love his fellow Christians fervently from the heart (1 Pet. 1:22) feels no compelling need to associate himself with them. Indeed, the genuineness of the Christian profession of a man in this state must be seriously suspect, for those who are one in Christ cannot help loving one another. The logic of the love of the brethren derives from God, who is love, and whose love has been freely manifested in the sending of his Son to the propitiation for our sins: ‘Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.’ (1 Jn. 4:7-12).”

Philip Hughes

A Commentary on the Epistle to the Hebrews

#6:

“True fellowship...serves to keep fellow saints saved...(Hebrews 10 is in the letter) lest we try to access grace as isolated individuals...The remarkable thing here is not the summons to keep meeting together, but the instruction that when you do, look past your own nose to the needs of others...A literal translation is: ‘Consider each other for love and good deeds.’ Know each other. Get close. Stay close. Go deep. And consider particular persons, and interact with them, such that you exhort and inspire them to love and good deeds fitting to their mix. Here we taste how potent, and personal, is fellowship as a means of grace.”

David Mathis

Habits of Grace: Enjoying Jesus through the Spiritual Disciplines