

HERO MAKING

Sermon-Based Study Guide
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I. Introduction to this Study

This week we continue our series Hero Making, engaging the importance of worshipping together.

II. Connecting with One Another

What do you think of when you hear the word “worship”? Why?

III. Study the Text

a. Read Hebrews 10.19-22.

Verses 19-21 contain two conditional clauses describing the believer’s possessions. Looking at 19-20, how would you define what is meant by “confidence to enter the Most Holy Place”?

What enables us to have this confidence?

The Greek term used here also implies boldness, freedom, and openness. How do these describe the way you enter into the presence of God?

b. The second conditional clause of verse 21 has to do with Jesus being a great high priest over the house of God, engaged earlier in 7.23-28, 8.1-6, and 9.11-15 as well.

In what ways is Jesus superior to all other priests?

c. After all the conditional clauses in 19-21, the preacher presents four “So Whats” derived from the theological foundation in the preceding chapters of Hebrews. The first is in verse 22: “Let us draw near (in Greek *approach* or *go*) to God.”

What things prevent you from drawing near to or approaching God?

How do the things reiterated in verses 19-21 help overcome those things?

d. What three descriptive phrases does the author add to portray what it looks like to have a “sincere heart”?

e. How would you describe these phrases in your own words?

“In full assurance of faith”

“Having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience”

“Having our bodies washed with pure water”

What is the author of Hebrews trying to communicate?

- f. Read Hebrews 10.23-25.

The second “So What” is found in verse 23. What gives you the ability to hold onto your hope in Jesus Christ?

How could you help another believer who is wrestling with doubts or uncertainty of faith?

- g. Verse 24 contains the third “So What.” It is a call to “spur (or stir up, provoke) one another toward love and good deeds.”

How have other followers of Jesus done this in your life?

- h. A final “So What” is found in verse 25. How would you put this in your own words?

Why do you think some believers choose not to gather for worship?

Why do you think some don’t gather for fellowship?

- i. How does gathering for worship and fellowship impact your life?

IV. Pray

- a. Lift up those you know who are not in the practice of regularly gathering for worship and fellowship,
- b. Ask God to help you prioritize your spiritual life,
- c. Pray that the Holy Spirit would equip you to encourage others to worship joyfully.

V. Digging Deeper

- a. In John 4.7-24, Jesus talks about worshipping “in spirit and in truth.” What connection does that have with what the author of Hebrews engages in chapter 10?
- b. 2nd Timothy 2.2 reads, “And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others.”

If Paul gave you these instructions, how would you feel? Motivated? Overwhelmed? Why?

- c. In John 3.22, Jesus and his disciples go out to the Judean countryside, where he spends time with them.

Which statement better characterizes the time you spend with Jesus: “I do it if I have time” or “I make it a priority”?

