

Sermon Text Discussion Notes 10/18/2020

Hebrews 10:19-25 – “The Privilege of Prayer and the Urgency of Community” by Drew Hunter

Overview

In the midst of these challenging and complex times, we need Jesus and each other more than ever. We are taking a detour from Daniel to be encouraged about Christ and true community.

Hebrews wakes us up by shining the spotlight on Jesus. It reminds us that he is worth it. And it reminds us of the true community that he gives us in the church. This puts wind back in our emotional sails.

1. The Privilege of Prayer (Hebrews 10:19-22)
2. The Urgency of Encouragement (Hebrews 10:22-25)

Understanding & Application

- 1) Read *Hebrews 10:19-22*. Notice the temple imagery. What is the author of Hebrews saying about communion with God in light of Jesus' sacrificial death?
- 2) Read *Hebrews 10:19-22* again. This passage calls us to regularly draw near to God by prayer and through the Word. How have you tried to draw near to God in the past several weeks? And how have you seen God move and work in your own thoughts, feelings, and/or actions since then?
- 3) Read *Hebrews 10:22-25*. Christians are called to both personally persevere and to encourage others – especially in the midst of difficult circumstances. What is one specific and recent example of God's faithfulness in your life that has helped you to hold fast to him? As you listen to each other share, consider affirming others for the ways that you hear God working in their life.
- 4) Read *Hebrews 10:12-25* again. Take turns sharing about ways that you have seen and heard people in your group stir up others to love and good works. Also consider sharing specific examples of how you might continue to help stir up each other to love and good works.
- 5) (Bonus) Did God's Spirit press one truth on your heart as you listened to this sermon? Take a moment to share to the group what God wanted you to hear, and how it changes your tomorrow.