

WEEKLY WORSHIP GUIDE



Hebrews 10:24-25--October 22nd, 2023

Sermon Recap:

“Let us...”

The author of Hebrews spends ten chapters explaining the superiority and supremacy of Christ over all things (angels, Moses, priests, sacrifices) and now, because of who Jesus is and what he has done, the author encourages us to do three things.

I. The Exhortation

a. Draw Near

- You get to draw near to God in the body and blood of Jesus Christ, in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, in the atoning work of Jesus Christ.

b. Hold Fast

- He wants you to hold on to the hope that He has given you and to trust in His promises.

c. Consider One Another

- “Consider”- involves thinking. We have to think of others, plan and implement ways to serve fellow believers.
- “Stir up”- incite, provoke, or stimulate. The lives we live and the words we speak should be intentional, invigorating as they stimulate other believers towards good works.
- “Encourage”- As partners of the same saving grace you walk together, sharing Scripture, reminding them of the promises of God, telling them of the faithfulness of God in your life as he has poured out his grace and mercy upon you.

II. The Admonishing

- Do not neglect to gather with the local church.
- We cannot draw near to God, hold fast to hope, or consider one another if we are not actively part of the body of Christ.
- If you love Jesus then you will love his bride, the church in the way that he loves the church. If you love Jesus you will love those for whom he died.
- The church is designed for our good. In church we draw near to God, we hold fast to hope, and we are stirred up by others, in love, to do good works.
- But it is also designed for the good of others; that we can encourage them to draw near to God, we can aid them in holding fast to hope, and we can study and ponder how we might stir up our brothers and sisters to good works until the day of the Lord draws near.

Discussion Questions:

- What does it mean to “draw near to God with a sincere heart?”
- We are exhorted to “consider one another.” How do we do this? Why ought we to do this? How often should you do this, do you think?
- What does it mean to “stir up?”
- Assuming that “not neglecting the assembling of ourselves together” means we must go to church, what are the motives given in these verses for going to church?
- How would you describe what happens when we gather together, which can’t happen when we’re alone?
- What is the purpose in “encouraging one another”?
- Read Hebrews 3:12-14. Why is Christian encouragement is so important?
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Application:

- The word “consider” means to ponder, observe or study. “Stir” means to spur or incite to action. Who are the people God has placed in your life to “consider” and “stir?”
- What was the last thing you did to encourage someone?
- How would you respond to someone who said, “I believe Christ died for my sins and thus I am a Christian. But, I do not believe that I have to attend church since going to church doesn’t save anyone?”

