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**The Gathering**  
**Hebrews 10:19-25**  
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## Using This Study

### ❶ EXAMINE His Word

What does God SAY? Open your time with prayer. The words God uses to communicate matters, so go back and pay close attention to the details that are emphasized or repeated in the passage.

### ❷ EXPLORE His Word

What does God MEAN? Asking questions of the text helps surface how the details relate to the message God wants to communicate.

### ❸ EMBRACE His Word

Why does it MATTER to me? Embrace God by responding to what you discover in His word in faith and obedience.



Hebrews 10:19-25 is a fantastic passage encouraging us to gather together as believers. It not only gives us instruction to gather but also gives us reassurance that we are worthy to do so. Often people feel that they are not worthy to be a part of the church. Satan loves to promote the lie that you are not good enough to gather with other believers, and that if other believers knew the sin in your life you would be condemned. This passage clearly reminds us that we are cleansed by the work of Christ on the cross. We don't have to fear condemnation because Christ has washed us clean. This makes us free to gather, not only with other believers, but also in communion with God. Join us this week as we reaffirm our commitment to one another and encouraging each other to love and good works.



## Hebrews 10:19-25 New English Translation

### Drawing Near to God in Enduring Faith

<sup>19</sup> Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, <sup>20</sup> by the fresh and living way that he inaugurated for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, <sup>21</sup> and since we have a great priest over the house of God, <sup>22</sup> let us draw near with a sincere heart in the assurance that faith brings, because we have had our hearts sprinkled clean from

an evil conscience and our bodies washed in pure water. <sup>23</sup> And let us hold unwaveringly to the hope that we confess, for the one who made the promise is trustworthy. <sup>24</sup> And let us take thought of how to spur one another on to love and good works, <sup>25</sup> not abandoning our own meetings, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging each other, and even more so because you see the day drawing near.

#### 🕒 **EXAMINE His Word (Observation)** (For personal preparation)

**What does God SAY? Prayerfully note significant details and terms emphasized in the foregoing passage.**

1. Who is involved in the text? Author, audience, main characters.
2. Where and when is this taking place? Geography and timeline.
3. What actions are carried out or commanded? Look for the verbs.
4. Is there anything repeated?
5. What is emphasized?

6. Is there anything in these passages that is related to other areas of scripture?

7. Are there things to be noted that are alike or unlike such as similes and metaphors?

**② EXPLORE His Word (Interpretation)** (For Community Group discussion)  
**What does God MEAN?**

8. What gives us confidence to draw near to God?

9. Who is the Great Priest of verse 21? Why do we have confidence in Him?

10. What is the cleansing in verse 22?

11. Why should we gather together? Is this a command or a suggestion?

**③ EMBRACE His Word (Application)** (For Community Group discussion)  
**Why does this MATTER to me?**

12. How often do you think we should gather together?

13. Why is it important for us as a church to gather together?

14. What are some reasons that people have for not gathering with the church?

15. How can we as the church help people to feel welcome? How can we make it a safe place for people to pursue their relationship with God?

**Summarize your thoughts on the passage**

Write about what God wants you to **KNOW**, to **FEEL**, and to **DO**...

SERMON NOTES