

WRITE IT DOWN!

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LISTEN UP!

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*. . . Not forsaking our own assembling together,
as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another; and all the more
as you see the day drawing near. –Hebrews 10:25*

I. Since the Gospel is True . . .

1. Since we have a new ACCESS to God . . . (v. 19-20)
 - What is the “holy place” and why would we want to enter?
 - What’s up with the “veil?”
 - Why and how is Jesus “a new and living way?”
2. Since we have a family ADVOCATE with God . . . (v. 21)
 - We have a great priest.
 - Over, not a place, but a people, a family.

II. Let Us Commit Together . . .

1. Let us DRAW NEAR together (v. 22)
 - With a sincere heart.
 - In full assurance of faith.
 - Because we are clean.
2. Let us HOLD FAST OUR CONFESSION together (v. 23)
 - Without wavering.
 - Because our God is faithful to promises.
3. Let us CONSIDER HOW TO STIMULATE ONE ANOTHER TO LOVE AND GOOD DEEDS (v. 24)
 - Show up.
 - Think about it and work at it.
 - Encouraging one another, all the more, because the great Day of assembly is coming! (2 Thes. 2:1)

THINK IT OVER!

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1. Read Hebrews 10:19-25 again. Circle any key words or repeated phrases. Make sure you see and understand the structure. What are the two truths of the Gospel highlighted? What are the three commands given?
2. What is the “holy place” referred to in v. 19? How was it entered in the OT? By whom? How often? What was the “veil”? What is different now?
3. Look back at Hebrews 3:6. What is the house that the author is talking about in 10:21? Is it a building or something else? What are things that a priest does? Who is our great priest?
4. How are each of the three “let us” statements a call to corporate commitment? Why do we need one another for each of them? (Meditate on this and flesh it out)
5. Look at 2 Thessalonians 2:1. What is described there? How does that verse relate to the idea of “not forsaking our assembling” together?

WORK IT OUT!

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1. What did you like about this text and message? What moved you? What challenged you? What didn't you understand?
2. Why are we so fearful or opposed to commitment in our day and culture? How did we get this way? Why is this a problem when it comes to our Christian walk?
3. How does consumerism affect our commitment to the church? How does our individualism? How does our idealism? How does our casualness? How does our busyness? How does our avoidance of conflict?
4. Can what is described in 10:24-25 happen if we only listen to sermons over the radio or internet? Can it happen on Sunday mornings when we gather for worship? What does this verse imply?
5. Is what is described in 10:24-25 happening in your Growth Group? If not, why not? What can your group do about it?
6. Why do many forsake our gathering together? Why don't many enroll in Growth Groups? What does it show about their understanding of the Gospel? What can we do about this?