

Advent
The God of Hope
Sunday, November 27, 2022

Hebrews 10: 19-25 NIV

¹⁹Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, ²¹and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²²let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water. ²³Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. ²⁴And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, ²⁵not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

1. **Draw Near to God.** Do you feel close with God? What can you do to draw closer?

2. **Hold on to Hope (that is Christ).** Is there any part of your life hope is wavering? Have you invited Jesus as your hope into that part of your life?

3. **Live in Harmony with the Body.** Do you feel in harmony and connected with the Body? What can you do to increase either?

Conclusion: Jesus Christ is our living hope. In order to hold unswervingly to this hope we profess, we must draw near to God, speak truth over our soul that doubts, and live in harmony with the Body that strengthens us in our faith. Let do these things *all the more* and experience **the God of Hope** this advent season.

LIFE GROUP LESSON
The God of Hope
Week of November 27- December 3, 2022

Ice Breaker: What does it mean to live with hope, for you?

Read Hebrews 10: 19-25.

1. What does it mean that we can enter the Most Holy Place? (v.19)
2. What makes this possible? (vs.19-20) How?
3. Who is the great priest over the house of God? (v.23)
4. What did Jesus' sacrifice grant us? (v.22)
5. Do you draw near to God in full assurance of faith? Is there anything that keeps you from drawing near to God?
6. How does the blood of Jesus cleanse us? (v.22)
7. What are we told to do in light of these truths? (v.23)
8. Is there any reason you let hope diminish? What is it?
9. What helps you renew your hope?
10. After the instruction to hold unswervingly to our hope, what are we told to do? (vs. 24-25)
11. How frequently should we gather with the Body? (v.25)
12. How is this connected to the holding of our hope in Christ?
13. In times you have been fully connected with, engaged and in harmony with the Body, what is the strength of your hope? In times you have been withdrawn, absent, and out of harmony-how has your hope been affected?
14. Read Hebrews 7: 18-19, 24-26. What truths do we learn and how does this impact the hope we have in Christ?
15. Read Ephesians 2:13. Why can we have confidence as we draw near to God? What enables us to do so?
16. Read Romans 15:4. What is important for us to hold on to Hope?
17. Read Psalm 42:4-5. Our soul will doubt. What can we tell our soul?
18. Read Ephesians 4: 15-16. Why is it important to be connected to the church and the Body? What happens? What happens if we opt out?
19. Can you reach the maturity in Christ on your own?
20. Read Acts 2:42. How did they remain in hope?
21. When your hope is failing, what should you do?

Point to ponder: We serve a God of Hope. We can trust and speak forth every promise He intends for us, His redeemed and beloved children. As He has said, He will surely do. Let us thank God for the gift of Hope!