

WHAT REALLY MATTERS



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Hebrews 10:19-25, ESV – *19 Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, 20 by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, 21 and since we have a great priest over the house of God, 22 let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. 23 Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. 24 And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, 25 not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.*

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SERMON-BASED STUDY

For the week of March 29, 2020
Hebrews 10:19-25

QUICK REVIEW

Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

ENGAGE WITH THE MESSAGE

- 1 This weekend we learned that part of the Christ life is to draw near to God, to hold fast to hope, and to spur one another on. How can we draw near to God on a regular basis?
- 2 How can we hold fast to the "confession of our hope" internally? And externally?
- 3 Why is it important for believers to spur one another on? What are some ways that you have recently spurred others on? What are some ways that others have spurred you on?

DIGGING DEEPER

- A** *Acts 2:42-47, ESV – 42 And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. 43 And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. 44 And all who believed were together and had all things in common. 45 And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. 46 And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, 47 praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.*
- 4 Describe the practices of the first century church as it relates to knowing and following Jesus. Which one of these practices do you believe the modern church is doing well? Why?

5 Similarly, which one of these practices do you believe the modern church is not doing well? Why?

6 Knowing and following Jesus is never enough. We are to act like Jesus as well. How is acting like Jesus related to God adding to our numbers on a daily basis? What do you need to change in your life to better have favor with all people?

B **Philippians 2:1-11, ESV** – *So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, 2 complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. 3 Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. 4 Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. 5 Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, 6 who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, 7 but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. 8 And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. 9 Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, 10 so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11 and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*

7 Looking at the passage above, how would you characterize Jesus and how He lived His life?

8 Those who follow Jesus are to act like Jesus, seeking to follow His life pattern of death to self. How can you follow His pattern of death to self, or self-emptying?

9 At the end of the passage, we see a declaration that “every knee shall bow” to Jesus as Lord. How is the Christian life more like allegiance to King Jesus? How should this affect the way we live our lives?

TAKING IT HOME

No matter what is going on around us, or what life has thrown at us, we, as followers of Christ, need to remember what really matters. What was your big take away from this week's sermon and Bible study? How will you apply this in your own life? Share with your group or accountability partner and pray for a faith that is confident in Christ as we approach His throne of grace.

PRAISES AND PRAYER REQUEST

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FOR FURTHER STUDY

Romans 13:11-13

I Corinthians 1:9, 3:13

Hebrews 3:13, 6:4, 11:11

2 Peter 2:21