

## **WEEK TEN | A BOLD INVITATION**

Chapter 10 feels like a real turning point in Hebrews. We've heard a lot about how the new covenant is better than the old one and how Jesus is a better than intermediary between God and us. The writer has spent most of the letter giving us evidence and assurance that God knows what he is doing and has done everything he said he would do through Jesus. Why is chapter 10 different? We have the blueprint. Now it's time to build and stand strong.

How does knowing you can enter the MOST HOLY PLACE on your own (because of Jesus) change your spiritual confidence?

## TALK ABOUT IT

**Read Hebrews 10:19-25.** 

We are learning about three crucial things to our spiritual calling and survival.

- Hold without fail to HOPE.
- STIR UP one another.
- Keep the HABIT of gathering.

How do these three invitations—draw near, hold fast, and stir up—form a holistic pattern of discipleship?

(vs. 22) The writer mixes inner (heart) and outer (body) purification images. **What does that suggest about the kind of transformation God desires?** 

Talk about your relationship with forgiveness and guilt.

Why do we, so often, let guilt drive the bus instead of the freedom of forgiveness?

How can we rely on God's promise of hope in a culture that is so cynical and worldly?

## **APPLY IT**

Notice that the writer grounds perseverance not in our determination but in God's faithfulness.

## How might that re-shape the way we think about spiritual endurance?

The writer's warning about gathering isn't about attendance but about habit formation. What "habits" threaten your sense of belonging to the body of Christ?

When your mind is telling you you're not good enough and you keep messing up, What gets you back on track to remind you it's not because of what you've done, but what he's done.

(vs. 24) How could our group cultivate a rhythm of noticing and naming each other's growth rather than just sharing information?

ALWAYS CLOSE IN PRAYER