



HEBREWS 10:19-39 DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Week of 11/14/21

Icebreaker: Think of a time or situation where you had great need of confidence. What gave you that confidence and what was the outcome?

Read the passage, then select 2-3 questions from below to discuss together.

1. The word *confidence* shows up in 10:19 and 10:35. Why is confidence important for Christians, and what should our confidence be in (what should be the object of our confidence)?

What have you seen so far in Hebrews that gives you confidence?

2. What is the author talking about or referring to in verses 19-21 with expressions like, “enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus,” “that he opened for us through the curtain,” and “we have a great priest over the house of God”?

3. The confidence we have through Christ should lead us to respond in actions (“let us...”) described in verses 22, 23, and 24. Take a minute to think through these. What do you think we can learn or be reminded of from these statements about what it means to follow Christ?

4. With verses 24-25 in mind, think of your experience of being in community with other believers. How has Christian community stirred you up “to love and good works” and given you encouragement?

On the flip side, what causes “some” to neglect meeting together? Which of these is most tempting or difficult for you?

5. Verses 26-30 paint a stern warning against “sinning deliberately” after realizing what Jesus has done. What do you think the author means that “there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins” in verse 26?

6. Verses 32-39 reinforce the need to persevere or endure in faith and include an appeal to “recall the former days” of their faith. How can remembering the past like this help us to keep going in the present?

Is there someone you’ve been close to who you could encourage by reminding them of their faith in the past?