



## SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION

DATE

1/3/2018

BIBLE PASSAGE

Hebrews 10:23-25

### 1. KNOW THE CONTEXT

Hebrews is one of the few books in the New Testament written by an unknown author. It's title and content tell us that the book was written to Jewish Christians. The book goes into a lot of detail to describe how Jesus relates to the law and customs found in the Old Testament. Chapter 10 talks about the sacrifices the people were required to do in the Old Testament to pay for their sin and how those sacrifices were merely a shadow of Jesus' perfect sacrifice. Because of Jesus' perfect sacrifice for us (His death on the cross), we don't have any need to sacrifice animals or anything like that because our sins have been paid for once and for all. Verses 19-22 are a beautiful picture of that hope we have in Christ and would be great to read together if you'd like!

### 2. READ THE BIBLE PASSAGE TOGETHER

### 3. SPEND TIME IN OBSERVATION

Which verses, ideas, or characters stuck out to you?  
What questions could come from this passage?

Observation notes:

Questions:

## 4. SPEND TIME IN INTERPRETATION

What did this passage mean to the original audience?

What would it have felt like to be a character in this passage, and who in the passage is the hero/role model (if any)?

What's the main point of this passage?

Questions	Answers
What promise do you think it's talking about that God can be trusted to keep?	Hint: Read some of the previous passage to find out. His promise is that Jesus' sacrifice is enough for us to enter His presence and have life in him.
Why does the author remind them to motivate each other toward love and good works?	The life of following God is one that isn't meant to be done alone. The Bible tells us over and over again that we need each other. Sometimes we all need others to motivate us to keep living the way God wants us to, because it's not always easy.
Why did the author want them to make sure they met together?	From the passage it looks like the primary purpose of getting together was for encouragement and motivation. There was something about getting together with other believers that spurred them on to live the way God intended.
Why does it say "the day of his return is drawing near"?	The actual greek says something more like "as the day approaches" and doesn't say what the day is, but most assume it means the day of Christ's return. There are many places in the New Testament where it speaks of Jesus' return as if it is coming very soon.
	This can be confusing when you consider it was written 2000 years ago. The Bible also says that no one knows the day or the time of Christ's return, so this reminder is probably just to say that we should be ready and continue meeting and encouraging each other
	because you never know when Jesus will return.

## 5. SPEND TIME IN APPLICATION

What is the "universal truth" God wants to teach us from this passage?

How can we apply the message of this passage to our daily lives?

- How could your group motivate each other toward "love and good works"?
- Have there been times in your life where you stopped coming to church or Rev for awhile? How did that affect you and the way you live?
- Do you feel like Rev is a place that encourages you? How could we do that better for each other?
- This could be a great chance to think again about what kind of small group you want to be and how you could best encourage each other to grow in your faith. Coming up with some sort of group covenant or group agreement could be a great way to close your time in this passage together.



## 6. PRAY

Follow-up notes: