

Jesus Helps Us Endure

Hebrews 10:19-25

This Spring, we are experiencing God's presence together by encountering Jesus in the Book of Hebrews. This week, we explore a passage that can make us uncomfortable: a stern warning against continuing in deliberate sin that we should take very seriously.

Though the preacher warns of the dangers of deliberate sin, he also reminds us of our identity as passionate Jesus followers: we are not of those who shrink back and are destroyed, but of those who have faith and preserve their souls.

GETTING STARTED

We start each week by intentionally being present to one another. If you need a little help getting the conversation going, consider starting with this question...

This is our last week of Life Groups during this series in Hebrews. What have been your biggest takeaways so far? What has challenged or encouraged you the most?

DISCUSSION GUIDE

Our discipleship to Jesus is meant to be a holistic way of living, involving our whole selves - **head, heart, and hands**. While each person will likely gravitate to one of these over the others, it's important we all consider how God's love affects our minds, our hearts, and our actions.

REMINDER: These guides are meant to facilitate PRESENCE - to God and one another - not to check boxes. Feel free to let conversation naturally flow to whichever questions connect with you personally. As the Spirit leads you, feel free to set aside this guide to pause, praise, and pray together.

HEAD

How do you reconcile the Preacher's invitation to "draw near with confidence to the throne of grace" (Heb. 4v16) with his warning that "it is a fearful thing to fall in to the hands of the living God" (Heb. 10v31)?

What is a biblical example of someone who went on "sinning deliberately after receiving the knowledge of the truth?" How did that story end - repentance? judgment? What can we learn from these examples in Scripture?

HEART

Drew said, "The only way to endure as a passionate Jesus follower is to cultivate an unshakeable confidence in Christ."

How can you tell when your confidence is beginning to be placed somewhere besides Jesus? What are the signs for you personally that can prompt you to pause and consider your confidence in Christ?

How do you cultivate that confidence practically? Are there Scriptures or stories from your life that you go back to?

HANDS

Do you have anyone that you can confess your sin to, who will respond with forgiveness and the truth of who you are in Christ? If so, how has that blessed you? If not, who could be that person for you?

How does the truth of this warning in Hebrews 10 shape how you pray for others who might be continuing to sin deliberately?

PRACTICE OF PRESENCE

This is our last time together for the spring session, but that doesn't mean we have to wait until fall to be together again! Take some time to talk about how our group can remain connected over the summer!

Close your discussion with a time of extended prayer (10-15min).