

Torn Curtain

Hebrews 10:19-31

Taking it Home:

1. In what specific ways can you spur another Christian on toward love and good deeds? How have you been spurred on by others in your group? Whose exhortation, example or encouragement means the most to you?

Prayer Concerns:

1. Draw near to God with _____ . [19-22]

2. Live a life of _____ truth. [23]

3. Live in _____ Christian _____ . [24-25]

4. Warning: Don't _____ ! [26-31]

Three marks of apostasy:

1. Trampling underfoot the Son of God.
2. Regarding as profane the blood of the covenant.
3. Insulting the Holy Spirit.

The gift of God's love.

Personal Study/Growth Group Discussion Questions

Getting Started:

1. When did you have to muster up courage and confidence to do something?

Digging Deeper:

Read Hebrews 10:19-31.

1. What does the author of Hebrews mean when he says Christ has opened “a new and living way through the curtain”? How do we enter the presence of God now? Explain the role Christ’s priestly work and sacrifice play in this new and living way.
2. Why are we able to draw near to the Father with a sincere heart and full assurance? How does Scripture affirm that Christians can have full assurance in their salvation? Give examples.
3. Why does a Christian need the church? What does the church offer to an individual believer that she cannot get elsewhere or on her own? How does the local church help us endure in the faith and hold on to our confession?
4. What does the author mean by sinning “willingly” or “deliberately” [26]? How does this kind of sin nullify the sacrifice for sins? How should we think of those who sin deliberately “after receiving the knowledge of the truth”? What does the author mean by this phrase?
5. To what does “tramp[ing] on the Son of God” refer? What is so shocking/ironic about rejecting the Son of God? How is rejecting Christ’s identity related to a rejection of the Father?
6. What does it mean to insult the Spirit? In what ways is insulting the Spirit equivalent to insulting the Father and the Son? How do those who apostatize make themselves enemies of the Holy Spirit?
7. How does the warning of verses 30-31 discourage you from apostasy and spur you on toward faithful obedience?