



# DISCUSSION GUIDE

THIS WEEK: WE: Keep Meeting Together! - Hebrews 10:21 - 25

## GETTING STARTED

How has the last 18 months impacted your mental health specifically in regard to loneliness?

Where are some places you have felt a sense of community in the absence of normal community (like family gatherings, etc.)?

## QUICK REACTIONS

- How would you summarize/paraphrase the message in your own words?
- What point/idea resonated most with you? Why?
- Did you disagree with something said, or what do you think should have been added or expanded on?

## QUESTIONS FROM THE MESSAGE

1. Are you someone who typically is resistant to asking for help from others, or do you have no problem asking for help?
2. Respond to the statement Steve made "If you separate yourself from the people of God, you separate yourself from the power of God." Do you agree or disagree? Why?
3. What are some of the benefits you have personally seen through Christian community?

## EXPLORE THE PASSAGE [Hebrews 10:21-25]

Why is Jesus referred to as "our Great High Priest?" (vs. 11-14)

How are we allowed to go right into the presence of God? (vs. 19-21)

What does it mean to draw near to God with a sincere heart? (vs. 22)

What is the promise referred to in vs. 23? (vs. 16-18)

How do different bible translations translate vs. 24? (ESV, NIV, NLT, NASB)

What do the acts of love and good works refer to? (vs. 24)

Why is it specifically important to encourage and motivate one another to love and good deeds? (vs. 25)

## QUESTIONS THAT HELP US UNDERSTAND THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE TEXT TO US?

1. The text mentions that some have gotten in the habit of not meeting together. What are some of the biggest barriers you face that can keep you from meeting regularly in small group or going to church?
2. How does seeing biblical community in terms of what you give as opposed to what you get change the way you look at church/small groups?

3. Why do you think the author of Hebrews insists so strongly that we not give up meeting together? How would you describe what happens when we meet together, which can't happen when we are alone?

### APPLICATION

- How can you as a small group encourage, and motivate one another to acts of love and good deeds?
- What ways can your small group challenge you and help you remain faithful over the coming week?
- Take time to encourage and pray for one another as a group. Send a follow-up email to all the group members sometime this next week reminding them to continue to pray for the specific needs that were discussed.