



## Life Group Sermon Study Notes

### “We Are Family: Come Home”

Sr. Ps. James Lowe – August 9, 2020

#### Warm Up (10-15 minutes)

Choose a question below to answer, or ask another. No right or wrong answers.

- What’s your favorite room in your house and why?
- At what time of day or night are you most productive?

#### Word (10-15 minutes)

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**Hebrews 10: 19 - 25**

***Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus,<sup>20</sup> by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh,<sup>21</sup> and since we have a great priest over the house of God,<sup>22</sup> let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.<sup>23</sup> Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful.<sup>24</sup> And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works,<sup>25</sup> not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.***

During this challenging time of COVID everyone has found themselves at the house more and socially distant. Isolation has become widely encouraged and embraced. Yet from a spiritual viewpoint its crucial to stay connected. The book of Hebrews uses the phrase “let us” throughout the book to exemplify the value of spiritual community during trying times to aid in our spiritual development.

Hebrews was written to remind the audience to pay closer attention to the gospel lest they drift away from it. The possibility of drifting is always a reality. Life never goes exactly how we expect it, and to cope we can go to other things instead of God. God has made a way in Christ so that we don’t have to do anything independent of him. Wisdom, strength, provision and anything else we need we can find it in Christ.

In spiritual family we have relationships that remind us of the great salvation we have in Christ. In other words, staying connecting with God and people is interrelated.

When things got hard, the Hebrews audience wanted to go to back living according to the old covenant. Even though the old covenant was the very thing Christ's death superseded. The old covenant included sacrifices to God from the blood of animals, which didn't have the power to cleanse humanity of their sins. It served as a covering until Christ came to make the one-time sufficient sacrifice. Under the old covenant they didn't enjoy unrestricted communion with God. The blood of Jesus, which is under the new covenant changes how we are able to relate to a holy God. Jesus lived a sinless life and died a bloody death on the cross to pay the debt that we owe. He took on the judgement of God for us and now is the mediator for all who put their faith in him. Through faith in Jesus we receive a permanent inward change. Christ lives inside of us and gives us assurance to boldly approach the throne of grace in the time of need. We need not go through anyone else nor is there another way acceptable to God. The reminder of the greatness of our spiritual inheritance in Christ is as relevant today as it was then.

Just like the audience of Hebrews, we can have a hard time resting in the finish work of Christ. We have the assurance that even though all things aren't good they work out for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose. We are promised that what is to come is far better than what can be obtained in this life. God wants us to have a revelation that holding on to our life in Christ has a great reward. When we connect with other believers it is a reminder of the freedom, we have to worship Christ, and the importance of living our lives, so they exemplify the grace of God to others. May we not neglect the means of fighting the good fight of faith that God has given us through connecting with spiritual family.

### **Discussion (10-15 minutes)**

**Choose one of the points below, and discuss how the lesson applies to our lives.**

- Have you ever gone through a season where you found it hard to connect with believers?
- How do you feel like your relationship with God has been during COVID-19?

### **Prayer (10-15 minutes)**

**Pray for any of the following, as well as other requests you may have.**

- Thank God for that blood of Jesus that allows us to boldly approach the throne of grace.
- Ask God for wisdom in staying connecting with others.
- Ask God for strength to fight the good fight of faith.