

# Meeting with God's Family

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**Optional:** Each week during this seven-week series, open your meeting by having one or two group members share their testimony of how God saved them.

**Open:** What are some of the things you appreciate about being able to meet with other believers?

**Read & Discuss:** Hebrews 10:19-25

1. In verses 22-24 the writer gives three exhortations, each beginning with "let us." How would you paraphrase each statement in your own words? How might you explain these to a new believer?
2. What two reasons are provided in verses 19-22 why we should aim to follow the exhortations of verses 22-24? How should these reasons motivate us to do what the author calls us to do?
3. One activity believers can do for one another is "to stir up one another to love and good works" (v. 24). What are some practical ways we can do this? Can you describe an occasion when another believer ministered to you in this way?
4. The writer exhorts his readers not to neglect meeting together (v. 25). The word translated "neglect" is the same word Jesus uses on the cross when he asks God why He has "forsaken" Him (Matt. 26:47), and is the same word Paul uses when he says that Demas has "deserted" him (2 Tim. 4:10). In light of these various uses of the word, what might be the opposite of such an attitude toward gathering together? Why would this be important in the context of verse 25?
5. According to verse 25, we are also to be "encouraging one another." What other words would you use to describe the idea of encouraging someone? Why might this be an important part of the discipling process? What do you think the writer means by the "day" drawing near (v. 25)? Why is this significant in motivating us to minister to other believers?
6. These verses make clear that believers should be speaking intentionally into each other's life. In our culture, what are some ways we can do this effectively? What might encourage us to do these things for each other when we're afraid it might not be received well?

**Apply:** What can you do to obey the instructions of Hebrews 10:19-25 this week?

**Pray:** Ask God to help us lovingly encourage each other toward greater delight in Christ.

**This Week:** In order to help you prepare to disciple someone, spend some time this week filling in the answers for Chapter 6 (pages 23-26) of *Just for Starters*. Then memorize Hebrews 10:24-25.

## Hebrews 10:19-25

<sup>19</sup> 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.

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