

LIFE GROUP SERMON SUMMARY QUESTIONS

Communion Service

These questions are for the **October 7, 2018** sermon, "Through the Curtain." Please read the sermon passage (Hebrews 10:19-25) together out loud.

Sermon Outline

AS WE REFLECT UPON CHRIST'S SACRIFICIAL DEATH ON OUR BEHALF, CONSIDER . . .

1. The approach God designed for us (19-21)
 - a. The flesh of Jesus has opened the one-and-only way to the Father.
 - i. This is a "new" way (not animal sacrifices, since Christ has died for us)
 - ii. This is a "living" way (since Christ lives)
 - b. In this newer covenant,
 - i. We have complete confidence that God is forever accessible (access to God).
 - ii. We have complete confidence that God is approachable (welcomed by God).
2. The appeals God makes to us (22-25)
 - a. Let us draw near with a sincere faith (toward God)
 - b. Let us hold fast with an unwavering hope (within our own hearts)
 - c. Let us stir-up with an active love (toward one another)

Life Group Discussion Questions

1. Based on #1, above: As you take the communion elements, and consider the body and blood of Jesus Christ, think about the blessing of faith. We believe that Jesus is our one-and-only Messiah, and that he has already come, accomplished all God set out for him and was raised from the dead on the third day. Talk about the absolute confidence you have in Jesus Christ.
2. Based on #1, above: Discuss the fact that God has kept his promises (from Genesis 3:15, for instance) to send a Savior. What other promises of God has kept to you? How does God's faithful actions encourage and embolden you? Would you characterize your approach to God as "faithful," and "confident"? Why or why not?
3. Based on #1, above: Are you faithful and bold to talk about God's faithfulness in 'no uncertain terms' to others?
4. Based on #2, above: The second half of this message speaks of instruction from God about faith, hope and love. Talk about that second characteristic: hope. Would you say that your hope (confidence that God is at work according to His Word to bring about a good future for those who trust him) is "unwavering"? Why or why not? How could your hope waver less?
5. Based on #2, above: We are instructed that our actions should be aimed at the goal of producing courage (love and good works) in our Christian sisters and brothers. Stop and think about that for a minute. As the days are getting 'darker,' do your actions produce courage in others? Or fear? Action? Or inaction? Love? or Divisions?