

i m p o v e r i s h e d

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The Church (Hebrews 10:19-25)

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NOTE: There are more questions below than you are expected to answer. Please just choose a few that are relevant for your personal reflection & application.

1. What was your major takeaway from the message this morning?
2. (Scale 1-10) "I attend church regularly." Rank yourself on this scale. Share with the group one area that makes attending church challenging for you.
3. "The church is the hope for the world *when* we follow Jesus' lead into the world. Jesus never said, 'Come with me to church.' He said, 'Come follow me into the world.'" What is true about this statement? How could this be misunderstood and misapplied?
4. "Let us draw near to God?" (Hebs. 10:22) declares the finished work of Christ. How do you draw near to God outside of the church? Share what has been helpful to you in your quest of drawing near to God.
5. Hebrews 10:24 provokes us to love and good deeds. Share a moment when someone 'stood side by side' with you. How close did you sense God to be in that moment?
6. God loves the world too much to allow His people to remain comfortable. Consequently, God gives His people the gift of provocation. Thinking back on your life to this point, who has provoked you the most (for good or for bad)? What affect did it have in you and why?
7. Hebrews says that without the ministry of provocation we can 'drift away', 'grow hard', 'fall short', 'become lazy' and/or 'lose hope.' Which of these are you most prone to? Why do you think that is?
8. Changing the world involves 'entering in' (empathy) and denying oneself because the church is the model of a people who never let evil win! How can you 'enter in' to love and good works this week?