

Life Group Notes & Discussion Guide, August 17th, 2025

Series: **“Our Great Need for Christian Community”**

Message: **“Encouragement in Numbers”**

Sermon Text: **Hebrews 10:19-25**; Old Testament Text: **Psalms 25:8-15**; Gospel Text: **Matthew 5:21-26**. Read **Hebrews 10:19-25** as you listen to the sermon, then answer the questions below.

1. Read **Hebrews 10:19**. To what is the author of Hebrews referring when he speaks of *heaven's Most Holy Place*?
2. Why can we enter this place *boldly because of the blood of Jesus*?
3. Read **Hebrews 10:20**. To what is the author of Hebrews referring when he says, *Jesus opened a new and life-giving way through the curtain into the Most Holy Place*?
4. What did this enable all believers to do directly?
5. Read **Hebrews 10:21**. Who is the *great High Priest who rules over God's house*?
6. Why does knowing *our great high priest* enable us to *go right into the presence of God with sincere hearts fully trusting him*?
7. How did *Christ's blood make us clean*?

8. To what is the author of Hebrews referring when he says, *our bodies have been washed with pure water*?
9. To what is the author of Hebrews referring when he says, “*Let us hold tightly without wavering to the hope we affirm?*”
10. Read **Hebrews 10:24**. Can you think of any *ways we might motivate one another to acts of love and good works?*
11. Read **Hebrews 10:25**: Why do you think the author of Hebrews put such a high premium on *meeting together*?
12. Why is *meeting together* becoming increasingly more important as the days go by?
13. What will you remember most from this sermon?

Discussion Guide for Your Life Group Meeting

- I. At your Life Group meeting, first read **Psalm 25:8-15** aloud. It can be helpful to have several people each read one verse from their Bible. This helps people feel involved and can also introduce some interesting discussion if several translations are used. After reading the passage discuss it. If you are having trouble stimulating discussion, you can try asking some of the following questions:
1. When you read **Psalm 25:8**, how does it make you feel?
 2. According to **Psalm 25:9**, what is required to enable a person to be *led in what is right* and to know *the Lord's way*?
 3. According to **Psalm 25:10**, what is required of us to know the *Lord's paths of steadfast love and faithfulness*?
 4. Explain what the psalmist is saying in **Psalm 25:11**?
 5. What does **Psalm 25:12** promise *the person who fears the Lord*?
 6. According to **Psalm 25:13**, what will the Lord do for *the person who fears the Lord*? What does the Lord promise to such a person's future generations?
 7. According to **Psalm 25:14**, what two benefits will the *person who fears the Lord* receive?
 8. According to **Psalm 25:15**, why are the psalmist's *eyes ever toward the Lord*?
- II. Next read **Matthew 5:21-26**, utilizing several group members to each read one verse aloud. After reading the passage discuss it. If you are having trouble stimulating discussion, you can try asking some of the following questions:
1. Read **Matthew 5:21-22**. When you read this passage, how does it make you feel?
 2. How could living in the love and strength of the Lord instead of living in our own strength enable us to have better relationships with one another?
 3. Read **Matthew 5:23-24**. Why do you think Jesus places such a high premium on being reconciled with our brothers and sisters?
 4. Why do you think Jesus wanted the person to be reconciled to his brother *before* leaving his gift at the altar?
 5. After reading **Matthew 5:25-26**, what do you think Jesus wants us to understand about being reconciled with one another?
 6. Can you think of anyone in your life right now with whom you need to be reconciled?
 7. What seems to be the major obstacle to being reconciled with this person?
 8. How might you overcome these articles?

- III. Read **Hebrews 10:19-25**, utilizing several group members to each read one verse aloud. After reading the passage discuss it. If you are having trouble stimulating discussion, you can try asking some of the following questions:
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