

Sermon Notes for 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 (below)** as you listen to the sermon, then answer the questions below.

Hebrews 10:19-25: And so, dear brothers and sisters, we can boldly enter heaven’s Most Holy Place because of the blood of Jesus.²⁰ By his death, Jesus opened a new and life-giving way through the curtain into the Most Holy Place.²¹ And since we have a great High Priest who rules over God’s house,²² let us go right into the presence of God with sincere hearts fully trusting him. For our guilty consciences have been sprinkled with Christ’s blood to make us clean, and our bodies have been washed with pure water.

²³ Let us hold tightly without wavering to the hope we affirm, for God can be trusted to keep his promise. ²⁴ Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. ²⁵ And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near.

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?