

Text: Hebrews 10:19—25
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The Right Response to the Promise

1) Because of who Christ is and what He has done: **Draw near to God** (19—22)

2) Because of who Christ is and what He has done: **Hold fast to Hope** (23)

3) Because of who Christ is and what He has done: **Encourage one another** (24—25)

GBC Application Questions

Grace Bible Church desires that you respond to this sermon by believing the gospel, obeying the Savior, and discipling the world for the glory of God. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions and praying through the issues will help you further meditate upon God's Word in order to see how this can be done.

FOCUSING ON THE PASSAGE:

1. Because of what Christ has done the writer calls his readers in verse 22 to 'draw near' which he had previously stated in 4:16. Why is his first exhortation after five chapters of doctrinal teaching for his readers to 'draw near'? What does it mean to 'draw near'? What does drawing near look like in your own life?

2. Look at 10:20. In what way does the writer describe our current access to God? Compare and contrast it to the way under the old covenant. Describe the resulting blessings that come from the new way.

3. In 10:23, the writer calls us 'to hold fast the confession of our hope', what is our hope? Why is holding fast the confession so important to the writer? How do you make sure that in your own life you are holding fast the confession?

4. In 10:24, what does it mean to 'consider'? The same word is used in 3:1 in regard to 'consider Jesus.' What is the writer calling the believer to do in 10:24? What is another way to say it? Why is it important? What exactly is it we are to 'consider' doing?

5. The writer calls his readers in 10:25 to 'not neglect to meet together', why do you think the writer thought that was important? If someone does begin to 'neglect' the gatherings of the church, what is a believer called to do? What is the motivation for doing so?

FOCUSING ON YOUR LIFE:

6. "And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works..." How are you doing this in your own life? Where do you need to grow in doing 'love and good works'? Who are you encouraging in your own relationships?

FOCUSING ON LOVING OTHERS:

7. How can you encourage someone else with what you've learned and thought through today? In what way could you hold someone accountable or have them hold you accountable?
