



Keep Worshiping with One Another

HEBREWS 10:24-27



STUDY GUIDE

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WELCOME:

Fixing
Our Focus

Suggested icebreaker:

Who among the Growth Members have gone back to onsite worship at GCF? Who haven't? What is keeping those who haven't gone back from coming back to onsite attendance of the services?

WORSHIP:

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Suggested songs:

- As The Deer
- Here I Am To Worship

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WORD & WALK:

Understanding & Applying the Word

LESSON AIM

- 1. GG members will hold fast to their confession of hope in Jesus Christ.
- 2. GG members will stir each other up toward love and good works.
- GG members will not deliberately sin by rejecting the finished work of Jesus Christ.

INTRODUCTION

In the previous section of this letter, the author exhorted his readers that in light of what Christ has accomplished, they were to approach God with confidence (10:19–22). In this section of Hebrews the writer continued in his exhortation of the believers.

Believers were exhorted to hold fast their confession of hope in Jesus Christ (v. 23)

The author had just shown that believers have direct access to God because of Christ's sacrifice on the cross. His blood shed on the cross fulfilled the Old Testament sacrificial system, which the blood of animals couldn't. Believers should hold onto their salvation through Jesus Christ, and not look to the Old Testament sacrificial system for forgiveness of sins.

- 1. The author gives an exhortation to his readers. What is this exhortation about?
- 2. What do you think the phrase "hold fast the confession" is referring to?
 What were the Hebrew believers essentially in danger of doing, that they need to hold fast to their confession?

Application

How can we GCFers apply this concept of holding fast to our confession?

Believers were exhorted to stir each other up to love and good works (vv. 24-25)

To hold fast to one's confession of hope in Jesus Christ is not just something one does in the mind. It also affects one's behavior. That's why the author exhorted the believers to stir each other up toward love and good works. They are not to abandon meeting together, but encourage one another, especially in their context where they are facing persecution.

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WORD & WALK: Understanding & Applying the Word

- 1. In verse 24, what is the main exhortation of the writer to the Hebrews? Hint: It follows the phrase "let us."
- 2. In verse 25, there are two participle verbs. These essentially function as adjectives that describe the main exhortation. The first is "not neglecting" and the second is "but encouraging." How does the author of Hebrews want to see his readers behave?
- 3. What is the "Day" that is drawing near, and why were the believers anticipating it?

Application

How are we GCFers encouraged to apply the concepts of "not neglecting" and "but encouraging?"

Believers were warned against sinning deliberately against the truth (vv. 26-27)

The author warned the believers against sinning deliberately after they have received the knowledge of the truth of salvation. If they reject the finished work of Jesus Christ, the only sacrifice acceptable to God for the forgiveness of sins, then what awaits them is the fiery judgment of God.

- In verse 26 there is a deliberate sin that is mentioned. This is a specific sin, not just any sin committed by the Hebrew believers that the writer warns them to avoid. What is it? Hint: It is the opposite of what they are exhorted to do in verse 23.
- 2. Additionally, the writer begins by saying, if "we" willfully sin, hinting that it was a warning also applicable to himself, thus implying that he also could possibly commit it. Why is the author not exempt?
- 3. If the Hebrews sin by refusing to hold fast to their confession, "after they have received the knowledge of the truth," what are the three negative effects of this?

Application

How can we GCFers avoid the sin of not holding fast to our confession or essentially neglecting the so great a salvation that we have in Jesus?

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PRAYER ITEM

Pray for perseverance in our faith despite the temptations to compromise our faith because of the culture around us. Pray for the strengthening of fellow believers so that the body of Christ remains united against the attacks of Satan, the world and the flesh.



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