

Corridor Church Bridge Group Better: A Study of Hebrews

Sample Schedule (You don't have to follow this time table but we do ask you include each element.)

7:00 PM	Meet and Greet
7:15 PM	Introduction and a little vision casting Corridor exist to Pursue the One that is far from God for the One who is God!
7:30 PM	Bible Study
8:30PM	Close out with time of prayer
9:00 PM	Farewells

It is ok to let the conversation wonder a little but try to redirect back to the passage. Allow people freedom to answer however they wish. Even if it doesn't line up with Scripture. However, if it doesn't make sure to discuss that further by asking questions and directed statements to help the group see what Scripture truly says about the matter.

Allow people time to share answers. It might be quite for a few moments after you ask a question. Sit in the Silence. This is tough no matter how long you have been leading a group.

For further help you can also look at The Gospel Coalition Commentary on Hebrews.

If you would like I can also get you a copy of Christ Centered Commentary: Exalting Christ in Hebrews.

Both of these are used in the writing of the sermon and the Bridge Group Lesson.

Sticky Statement: Jesus is Better than your guilt!

Hebrews 10:19-25

What are some things that might cause guilt in a person?

Is guilt a hard thing to shake, why or why not?

What are some ways a person might deal with their guilt?

Read Hebrews 10:19-25

What stands out to you in this passage?

For those that were made it Sunday or watched it online, was there anything said in the message that stood out to you?

When you imagine the throne room of God what comes to mind?

How do you react to the presence of God?

Does our guilt from sin sometimes cause us to avoid God, why or why not?

Do people feel like they cannot approach God directly?

When you think about how we can approach God directly how does that make you feel? What makes you feel that way?

According to verse 19 what gives us the ability to enter the throne room of God?

We can enter the throne the room of God because of the blood of Jesus Christ.

Look back at verse 22. What do you think the author is saying in this verse?

What reason do you think he used the image of sprinkling and washing to talk about us being made clean?

The author was drawing on the practices of the Jewish law. Since his original audience was primarily Jews this would have helped them connect the dots. The sprinkling draws on the sprinkling of blood on the altar. The being washed in pure water would have reminded them of the ceremonial washing in the law. The author here is telling them that Christ blood would cleanse us inside and out. His blood makes us worthy and removes our guilt.

Do you think people allow their guilt to stop them from approaching God? Why or why not?

In verse 23 what is “the confession of our hope”? Jesus and His message of redemption.

Why do you think the author calls the message of Jesus “the confession of our hope”?

It is our confession of Jesus as Lord that brings us hope. If we are unwilling to confess Jesus as Lord then we don't have hope of forgiveness. If we do not admit that it is by His blood the debt of our sin is paid we are lost.

What is the author trying to communicate in verse 24?

Verse 24 reminds us that we are to encourage each other in doing the work that Christ has called us to do. The Christian Standard Version uses the wording “provoke love” some say “stir up love” others say “stimulate one another to love.” All give the idea of we are to lift each other up so much that it give them no other choice to love others.

Why do you think he used such strong language in this verse?

Loving others is what Christ modeled for us.

Read 1 Corinthians 13:1-3. How does this passage help us understand verse 24 in Hebrews 10?

We must do everything in love. Without love we will not be able to make a lasting impact. If we speak the truth of Christ without the love of Christ then we only share part of the gospel of Christ. Truth without love is only part of the truth. Just like love without truth is not truly love.

In verse 25 when it says “not neglecting to gather together,” what does this mean?

We are to be in the habit of regularly gathering with other believers. It is something that we should desire to do. Avoiding the gathering of the body of Christ is not healthy Christianity.

Is it talking about the occasional missing church for fill in the blank reason or something else?
What might it be referring to here?

The issues is when someone actively avoids gathering with other believers. The constant skipping of worship or Bridge Group.

What might be the dangers of regularly avoiding gathering with other believers?

You become isolated. When we are isolated we often develop inaccurate understanding of Scripture. Our growth as a Christian will stagnate and atrophy. It is hard to be encouraged and to encourage others when we are never around them.

Do people allow guilt to stop us from gathering with other believers? Why or why not?

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