

“Let us draw near, hold fast and encourage one another.”
Hebrews 10

Think about:

All the kings, presidents, prime ministers, senators, representatives and governors of the world.

What would happen if you tried to just stroll right into the office of a high ranking official?

How could you get in to see them or have a conversation with them?

During the time of the old covenant, only the High Priest could enter the Holy of Holies one time per year to make atonement for the sins of the people. He first made sacrifice for his own sins and then for the sins of the people. Everything had to be done perfectly when he entered the Holy of Holies lest he die.

Read Matthew 27:51. What happened to the veil in the Holy of Holies when Jesus died on the cross?

Who do you think tore it from top to bottom?

What do you think it means to us?

Read Hebrews 10: 10. How many times was the body of Christ offered as a sacrifice for sin?

Compare His sacrifice to the offerings of the priests under the old covenant. Refer to Hebrews 10: 1-6, 11

What has Christ accomplished under the new covenant? Hebrews 10: 12-18.

Read Hebrews 10: 19-21. What do these verses tell us about our access to God?

Hebrews 10: 22 tells us how we are to draw near to God. List the instructions the writer gives.

What does this tell you about yourself and how you approach God?

Are you taking advantage of your access to God?

When you doubt that God actually hears your prayers and you start wavering, what does the writer say do in v. 23?

The greatest thing we can do as believers is pray. The most loving thing we can do is pray. How can we place more emphasis on prayer?

Often we use v. 25 to encourage people to come to church. What do you suppose the writer's intent is based on the context of the chapter?

For what reason, should we assemble together?

What is the relation between what these verses say and your class; church?

What are some practical ways we can respond to God's invitation individually; in our class; and in our church?

How has this chapter stimulated you to pray more?