

Small Group Discussion Guide — Read Hebrews 10:19-25

- Joshua mentioned again this week that, as Christians, we never “move beyond the gospel.” What does that mean? What does it mean that the gospel has not only a saving purpose, but also a functional or practical purpose in shaping and informing how we are to live?
- Why is it so important for Christian living to understand that all of our conduct and behavior as believers is to be animated and informed by the gospel? Or to ask it another way, how should the “*gospel-indicatives*” (what God has done savingly in Christ) invigorate, inform, and empower the “*gospel-imperatives*”. (how we are to live in light of that)?
- What could be some of the obvious dangers if we get this ‘order’ wrong?
- What are the two “gospel-privileges” we see in vs. 19-21? How are these a summary of everything that we have seen in the letter to the Hebrews?
- Can you explain how the Christian has full authorization and permission, we might even be so bold as to say “the divine right,” to enter into the very presence of God?
- Why is it significant that the very first command or exhortation at this turning point in the letter is to “draw near” to God? Why is it important to see *this* as our first and ultimate response to the privileges we now have through Jesus?
- What does it mean to “draw near”? How should we? How should we not?
- In what ways are you hesitant to draw near to God? What keeps you from it? Is drawing near your first tendency, or is it rather to run away? Why is that?
- What are some practical ways we can guard worship, both individually and corporately, from becoming a mere ‘duty,’ and instead see it as our greatest ‘delight’?