

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

- What are the three exhortations the author gives in **vs. 22-25** that are meant to flow out of our two “gospel privileges” in **vs. 19-21**? Again, why is it important to stress that ‘order’ of what God does before what we do?
- What does it mean to “hold fast the confession of our hope?” How does the letter to the Hebrews beautifully balance both God’s preserving grace and my persevering faith? How do we reconcile God’s promised saving work with these strong warning passages in this letter?
- Why is perseverance to the end necessary for final salvation? What does it mean if someone does “falls away”? What could we say is “theologically” true about them?
- What is biblical ‘hope’ in contrast with the way we often think of ‘hope’? What is hope almost always tied to in Scripture? How should my eager anticipation for the consummation of God’s future promises cause me to persevere? In what ways are you “wavering in hope” right now?
- In our passage today, what is one of the “means” God uses to see to it that His own will persevere to the end and be saved? Have you ever thought about our relationships in the church as a means God uses to keep us believing? How should this shape the way we think about our perseverance?
- What is the main command in vs. 24-25? Describe and unpack this mutual responsibility and necessary ministry we have of “intentional consideration.” What should this look like? What does it mean to “consider one another?”
- In what two ways are we to carry out this ministry? What are some practical ways we can make sure as a small group that we are practicing this on a regular and intentional basis?
- Do you find yourself more regularly “pulling back” from intentionally transparent and close relationships in the church where you are known, or “pressing in” to them? Why is that? What is it that is keeping you from them, or how can you better develop them?