



Leader Conversation Guide – XXVII - Hebrews

Main Idea

This week Pastor Chris opened up the book of Hebrews and proclaimed... Jesus is better! A better sacrifice, a better high priest... Hebrews is a letter of encouragement to a church that is losing heart. We are reminded in this letter that our hope and confidence is found in the shed blood Jesus. And, because of the finished work of Christ we can come boldly before the throne with our worship and prayers. Pastor Chris asked the question, “Do you lack confidence when you pray?” Perhaps your faith is in your ability to Love God rather than His love for you. We can find great encouragement in chapter 11 as we read about the hero’s of the faith, those that have gone before us, and they represent just a part of the “great cloud of witnesses” as we run this race called life!

**“And let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess,
for he who promised is faithful.”**

HEBREWS 10:24

Make It Practical:

Encouragement and Perseverance:

- Hebrews 12:1-2 encourages believers to throw off hindrances, persevere, and fix their eyes on Jesus.
- Hebrews is written to encourage a church that is losing heart.

Jesus’ Sacrifice and Our Confidence:

- Hebrews 10:22 and 9:27-28 emphasize the necessity of Jesus’ sacrifice for forgiveness.
- Hebrews 9:14 highlights the perfection and holiness brought by Jesus’ sacrifice.
- Hebrews 10:19-25 encourages believers to draw near to God with confidence through Jesus’ sacrifice.

Faith and Hope:

- Hebrews 6:19 speaks of hope as an anchor for the soul, secured by Jesus as our high priest.
- Hebrews 10:32-39 calls for perseverance through suffering and maintaining confidence in God’s promises.
- Hebrews 11:1-2 defines faith as confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.

Living by Faith:

- Emphasis on holding unswervingly to hope and encouraging one another (Hebrews 10:24).
- A reminder of the earlier days of faith and the call to endure suffering with joy and confidence in God’s rewards.

Talk About It

Understanding Jesus' Sacrifice:

- Hebrews 10:19-25 discusses the confidence we can have because of Jesus' sacrifice. How does this passage shape your understanding of approaching God in prayer and worship? Do you find yourself relying more on your ability to love God or on His love for you? How can we shift our focus to fully trust in His love?

Endurance and Perseverance:

- Hebrews 12:1-2 and Hebrews 10:32-39 both emphasize the importance of perseverance and enduring in faith despite challenges. Can you share a time in your life when you faced significant challenges to your faith? How did you find the strength to endure, and what role did the "cloud of witnesses" (fellow believers) play in your journey?

Living by Faith:

- Hebrews 11:1-2 defines faith as confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. How does this definition of faith influence your daily life and decisions? What are some practical ways we can "hold unswervingly to the hope we profess" (Hebrews 10:24) in our personal and communal lives?

Jesus is Better

Prayer

Heavenly Father, thank You for our time together and for the wisdom from Hebrews. Help us to fix our eyes on Jesus and to hold fast to the hope we have in Him. Holy Spirit, strengthen us to encourage and support one another in faith and love. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

Leader Tip

Baptism is this Sunday! Ask your Group if anyone is interested in baptism!