

Persevere!

Hebrews 10:19-39

1. CHALLENGE: Persevere in your faith (19-25)

2. WARNING: Rejecting Christ leaves you under God's judgment (26-31)

Handling tough passages:

- (1) Look at the context of the immediate passage
- (2) Know the context of the book
- (3) Consider the teaching of the whole scripture
(The analogy of faith)

3. ENCOURAGEMENT: Remember your early enthusiasm and endurance (32-39)

For Further Study and Reflection

The Story of Reality by Greg Koukl

Mere Christianity by C.S. Lewis

Four Views on Hell Zondervan Counterpoint Series

Total Church by Tim Chester and Steve Timmis

Small Group Questions:

1. Who is the author of Hebrews writing to: Christians or non-Christians? How is his audience addressed here?
2. In verses 19-21, what two assurances are identified to encourage the audience's perseverance?
3. Who has spurred you on in your faith, and how did they do it?
4. Does 10:26 teach that an ongoing struggle with sin will lead us to hell? Why or why not? How do our 3 hermeneutical principles (in the notes above) help us to better understand the author's argument?
5. Why would the author bring up the topic of hell to Christians?
6. What practical advice does the author give to feed and nourish our faith?
7. If the author is so confident at the end of his message (39), why was he so sharp in the middle (26-31)?