

Reminders and Encouragements

January 18, 2026

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Hebrews 10:19-25

Three Descriptors

1. Showing Up

- Being there, being present

2. Expecting

- Expecting God to work powerfully in our gathering
- Expecting to do my part

3. Encountering

- Encountering God
- Encountering the people around us

Three Encouragements

1. Draw near to God with confidence.

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Hebrews 10:19-22

2. Hold unswervingly to God's promises.

Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful.

Hebrews 10:23

3. Encourage one another in love and good deeds.

²⁴ And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, ²⁵ not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another — and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Hebrews 10:24-25

³⁴ "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. ³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

John 13:34-35

Small Group Discussion Questions for the Week of January 18, 2026.

Opening

1. What is one encouragement you have received that is especially meaningful to you?

Digging Deeper into the Scriptures

Read Hebrews 10:19-25

1. What are the first 3 verses describing and why is this important (vv. 19-21)?

2. What is the "full assurance that faith brings" (v. 22) talking about?

How does this motivate you to draw near to God?

3. What does it mean to "hold unswervingly to the hope we profess" (v. 23)?

How can believers encourage each other to do this?

4. What kind of behavior should believers in Christ exhibit toward one another (vv. 24-25)?

Applying the Scriptures

1. How do you personally feel about going to church or being involved in Christian groups?

Have you always felt that way? If not, what changed?

2. What can you do differently in your devotional times this week to "draw near to God"?