

Encounter these verses today:

circle words that you identify with,
underline phrases or sentences you'd
like to remember, write questions about
the passage out to the side ...

Hebrews 10:19-25 :: Persevere in the Faith

19 Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, 20 by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, 21 and since we have a great priest over the house of God, 22 let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water. 23 Let us hold unwaveringly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. 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.

36 You need to persevere so that when you have done the will of God, you will receive what he has promised. 37 For,

“In just a little while,
he who is coming will come
and will not delay.”

38 And,

“But my righteous one will live by faith.

And I take no pleasure
in the one who shrinks back.”

39 But we do not belong to those who shrink back and are destroyed, but to those who have faith and are saved.



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*“Gather together and come;
assemble, you fugitives from the nations.
Turn to me and be saved ... for I am God,
and there is no other.”*

Isaiah 45:20, 22

Hebrews 10 speaks of 5 important reasons to gather ...

What value does your presence bring to our assembly?

What often gets in the way of your attendance?

(consider this: are there things you could change?)



Digging Deeper

[Engaging the message throughout the week]

Monday: 01.23.2012

Prayer Focus: The Flushing Community

Passage: Joshua 6

Insight: *This chapter of the Bible tells one of the great stories of the Old Testament. The fall of Jericho is hard to imagine but describes the power of God when his people are faithful to Him. Jericho would not have fallen if only Joshua marched around the city. It would not have fallen if a few gathered. It fell because all the people of God assembled and marched in faith!*

Questions for consideration:

*Can you imagine the site of the people marching around the city?
Would you have marched? Would you march today?*

Tuesday: 01.24.2012

Prayer Focus: FCC Church Leadership

Passage: Nehemiah 9

Insight: *The wall around their beloved city, Jerusalem, had just been rebuilt and friends who had been exiled for decades were returning. They had been scattered, hopeless, and enslaved for so long they couldn't fathom God's love. But as they returned, they confessed their sins and renewed their commitment to the promises of God.*

Questions for consideration:

*It's one thing for some to confess, but this passage says that all the people confessed. Can you picture this?
Have you been a part of a time when confession seemed natural, available, accepted?*

Wednesday: 01.25.2012

Prayer Focus: Upward Basketball & Cheer

Passage: Psalm 133

Insight: *Today's reading is the shortest of all the Psalms and yet one of the most profound. Unity requires that we share life together and love each other even through our differences. God blesses those who live with unity and is greatly pleased when His people gather together.*

Questions for consideration:

*How easy do you find it to live in unity with others?
What does this passage tell you about our weekly gatherings as a church? Where do we need to improve?*

Thursday: 01.26.2012

Prayer Focus: May God Reveal His Light to You

Passage: Ephesians 5

Insight: *This chapter speaks a great deal about the church. In it we get a glimpse of what Jesus thinks about the church and how we are behave and act as members of the assembly.*

Questions for consideration:

*What do you learn about your role within the church here?
What do you notice about what Jesus thinks about the church?
How far was Jesus willing to go to show His love for the church?*

Friday: 01.27.2012

Prayer Focus: Our church worship services (1/29/12)

Passage: Isaiah 45:20-25

Insight: *In our final passage of the week, the Prophet Isaiah shares these powerful words about the importance of gathering together. There is something special about coming together and proclaiming God's faithfulness. Our focus shouldn't be on the music, the preaching, or anything else. Assembling together presents the opportunity for us to come before the Lord, to present ourselves to him, and embrace Him as Lord and Savior!!*

Questions for consideration:

Too often, coming to church seems like something we do to get something out of ... but what if we came to church to contribute ... to proclaim His faithfulness? How would that change our gathering moments?

Homework: *share anything thoughts you have about our gathering moments with Pastor Terry this week. Email him, call him, whatever works. How can our worship services improve?*



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