

Dealing With Discouragement

Hebrews 10:1-25

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1. We must _____ to the hope we've always held onto.

2. We must _____ light in the darkness.

3. We must _____ the community you invest in.

For Small Group discussion & application this week:

Based on your personal time in Hebrews 10:1-25 this week, what did God teach you? Were there specific words, phrases, or truths that stood out to you?

Can you think of a specific time you struggled with or felt like you wanted to abandon your faith (or perhaps you did)? What were the circumstances? What turned you back? Who helped to strengthen you, and how?

In what specific ways have others encouraged (stirred you up) in your faith? How can you be an encouragement or help to equip others?

What truth stood out to you from the message that you didn't get on your own? Why is that significant to you at this time and how can you act on that this week?

Looking ahead: for next Sunday, April 17, take a closer look at Hebrews 10:26-39.

As you study the passage this week, draw near to God in full assurance of faith, thanking Him for the new and living way opened for you by Jesus. Thank God for the hope and inheritance before you, and ask Him to strengthen each of you to persevere in active faith.

Look for words or phrases that are repeated or emphasized. As a start, examine these words a bit more:

Knowledge of the truth (10:26)

Trampled underfoot (10:29)

Recall the former days (10:32)

Publicly exposed (10:33)

What does 10:32-33 reveal about the previous experiences of this group of Hebrew Christians?

How did they respond (see 10:34)?

How are you being tempted to "shrink back" (10:39)? How can you go about resisting this temptation?