

CITYGROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

HEBREWS

Hebrews 10

November 1 – November 5, 2015



#CityGroupsTally

REMINDERS for leaders:

- 1) MULTIPLICATION STARTS WITH APPRENTICING. Who are you teaching your role? Who are you giving away responsibility to? Is it time to have a specific conversation with that person about their potential leadership? Begin having those conversations now! Please be encouraging your group members to consider stepping up for future leadership opportunities. Make specific asks to the right people. Keep it at the forefront of their minds.
- 2) It's time to enter serious mode if your group is going to multiply for the Spring. Who is it that can step up to lead a group. You don't have to be perfect or fully developed to be a group leader, you just need a passion for people, some bible knowledge and ability to handle scripture, some basic skills (that we can teach!), and a desire to see people connected to City Church through City Groups.

ANNOUNCEMENTS for all groups before starting discussion:

CITY CHURCH U: College groups mark your calendar for our next City Church U event of the semester on Wednesday, November 18. Time TBD.

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE: City Church's annual Thanksgiving Food Drive begins Sunday, November 1st and benefits two of our community partners, ECHO and Godby High School. We will be collecting non-perishable food items to feed families in need in Tallahassee. Drop off your paper bag of food at either City Church campus on Sunday mornings, or at our Tharpe Street offices anytime between 9-5pm on week days. The Food Drive will accept donations through Sunday, November 22nd. Help us serve hungry families for Thanksgiving!

TEAM TALLAHASSEE: City Churchers man the concession stands for each Godby and Rickards High School home football games. If you are interested in helping out as a group or as individuals, please contact Travis Smith, travis.smith@citychurchtallahassee.com for more information!

GENERAL: Grow Page has many resources on how to read the Bible, prayer, spiritual gifts, mentoring, and more. You should definitely check it out!

BIG IDEA(s):

The author is wrapping up his argument about Christ as the great high priest, the perfect sacrifice to cover sins, and the one to establish a new covenant of grace. Our response to all of this is to “draw near with a true heart,” and to deeply value the community of believers we are a part of. In community, we are encouraged, we believe, and we repent of sin. We truly need one another!

READ: Read chapter 10 of Hebrews. Pray for your group's gathering tonight. Pray for clarity, understanding, and that we would draw near to God through his word.

HEAD (10-15 minutes)

- 1) What are some ways you can stir up love for one another? What are some ways you can stir up good works with one another? (10:24)** (encouragement can stir up love; honesty, openness, trust, care, even confrontation of sin in each others' lives.)
- 2) What are some reasons why the author of Hebrews would tell these people to continue meeting together (10:25)?** (they were most likely failing to believe the gospel and shrinking back into Judaism, pride may have caused them to not see value in their community and need for other believers, etc.)
- 3) What are "deliberate sins" (10:26)? What are the results of deliberate sins?** (See 10:26-31. God takes sin very seriously. In the OT law, there were no sacrifices for deliberate sins. This should make us very aware of God's holiness and what he desires for us.)
- 4) Describe the mindset of a person who could "joyfully accept the plundering of their property," (10:34).** (content with God, peaceful, focused on eternity rather than the moment, finds identity in Christ and not in stuff, etc.)

HEART: (15-20 minutes)

- 1) Before God calls us to act, he calls us to draw near to him (10:22). Is there anything you are striving to do apart from God's strength? ... Why is that?**
 - A) or maybe you have a story of a time you tried to act apart from God's strength. What happened?**
- 2) How do you act in God's strength? What does that look like?**
 - A) What specific things would you like to commit to do to regularly draw near to God?** (faith)
 - B) What deliberate sins are you committing to turn away from?** (repentance)

HANDS (10-15 Minutes):

- 1) As Christians, encouragement should be habitual. Take a few minutes to simply encourage one another.** (Group leaders: I would love for your groups to just say encouraging things to one another for this chunk of time. Think about some encouraging words for people in your group, and start the section some pre-planned specific statements. Model encouragement. You may find this time to be so sweet that it rolls right into prayer for one another.)
 - A) In what ways have you seen one another grow more like Jesus? Tell them!**
 - B) What have you seen in this group that you'd like to continue to see? What is worth repeating?**
 - C) How can we walk alongside you as you strive to live faithfully and be Christlike?**
- 2) Be encouraged that God is faithful and he gives confidence and boldness to our faith in Him as we draw near to Him. Take this verse this week and make it your week's verse as you live faithfully at your home, job, or school. Let it control your mind and give you confidence in Christ.**

"But we are not of those who shrink back and are destroyed, but of those who have faith and preserve their souls." – Hebrews 10:39