

Community Group Notes from Sunday 4th January

Meeting God – and getting to know Him better

Hebrews 10.19-25

The message from this passage calls us to a closer and more consistent relationship with God, both in private and in public. It also warns us to beware spiritual drifting and calls us to unconditional worship, rather than a worship based on any personal agenda. See attached powerpoint for a detailed summary of the message.

Questions

1. What most challenged you in this message and how will you respond to that?
2. How full has your spiritual tank been thru 08 and how will you keep it more full in 09?

Events coming up:

Thursday 8th January – **Encounter and Prayer Evening** – 7.45pm @ The Charis Centre
Sunday 11th January – **Vision Sunday** – 9.15 am & 11.30 am @ The Charis Centre

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Three Essentials

- 1. CONFIDENCE – to go in and not die!
- The basis of our confidence is the sacrifice of Jesus
- Without him we face the wrath and justice of God
- With Him we are forgiven, clean and have right of access to God

2. CLOSENESS

- ‘Let us draw near to God’
- Overcoming doubt
- How to draw near

3. CONSISTENCY

- ‘Hold unswervingly’
- ‘Do not drift away’
- Watch your fuel gauge!
- Come to Him actively
- Take responsibility
- Spur each other on

THREE AREAS OF APPLICATION

- 1. IN PRIVATE
- Use a private place
- Use notes
- Use a notebook
- Use a CD
- Take your time

2. IN PUBLIC

- Be regular
- Be prepared
- Make a choice
- Engage your brain!
- Express yourself

3. IN PAIN

- The Hebrews were persecuted
- Habakkuk lived in dark days
- We are called to unconditional worship (with no agenda) because of who God is, what He's like and how He's saved us
- Conditional worshippers are vulnerable to disappointment, disillusionment, drifting

CONCLUSIONS

- God wants you to know Him
- You can be confident in coming to Him
- Let's be consistent in private and in public
- Let's bring Him unconditional worship

- Let's approach the throne of grace with confidence and find grace to help us