



Hebrews – Walk Right In
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USING THIS SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

We have provided all the Scriptures references in the sermon and some discussion questions for you to use to discuss the weekend message.

This Sermon Discussion Guide is only a tool to aid you in meeting the needs of your group. For most groups, there are too many questions to answer in one session together. Give priority to the needs and pace of your group members.

While the questions are important, remember your group's goal is to create an atmosphere that will foster true friendships. Use the discussion questions as you see fit but emphasize the relationships.

[Hebrews 12:2-3, NLT]

Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

[Hebrews 10:22, NLT]

Let us go right into the presence of God with sincere hearts fully trusting him.

“The best version of you is discovered and further developed as you live in close proximity to Jesus”

[James 4:8]

Come close to God, and God will come close to you.

[Psalm 73:28]

But as for me, it is good to be near God. I have made the Sovereign LORD my refuge;

[Psalm 145:18]

The LORD is close to all who call on him, yes, to all who call on him in truth.

[Ephesians 2:13]

But now you have been united with Christ Jesus. Once you were far away from God, but now you have been brought near to him through the blood of Christ.

[Matthew 15:8]

These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me.

***The end result of a life in His presence is a life without limitations.
You can accomplish all God has called you to do.***

[Hebrews 2:14-18]

Because God's children are human beings—made of flesh and blood—the Son also became flesh and blood. For only as a human being could he die, and only by dying could he break the power of the devil, who had the power of death. Only in this way could he set free all who have lived their lives as slaves to the fear of dying. We also know that the Son did not come to help angels; he came to help the descendants of Abraham. Therefore, it was necessary for him to be made in every respect like us, his brothers and sisters, so that he could be our merciful and faithful High Priest before God. Then he could offer a sacrifice that would take away the sins of the people. Since he himself has gone through suffering and testing; he is able to help us when we are being tested.

[Hebrews 4:15, AMP]

For we do not have a High Priest who is unable to sympathize and understand our weaknesses and temptations, but one who has been tempted, knowing exactly how it feels to be human, in every respect as we are, yet without committing any sin.

1. DON'T LET SIN KEEP YOU OUT

[1 John 1:9, 2:1-2]

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have an advocate with the Father—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.

2. DON'T LET SHAME KEEP YOU OUT

“Shame = the result of carrying in our own minds and emotions what Jesus came to carry for us”

3. DON'T ATTEMPT TO QUALIFY FOR YOUR ACCESS = striving

[Hebrews 4:16]

So let us come boldly to God's throne of grace. There we will receive His mercy, and we will find grace to help us when we need it most.

Key Points:

1. Don't let sin keep you out
2. Don't let shame keep you out
3. Don't attempt to qualify for your access = striving

Applications for the Week:

This week fix your eyes on Jesus and determine that you will walk right into His presence. Make time each day to be in the Bible, times of prayer, and connecting with others in your pursuit of Him.

Discussion Questions:

1. Have you experienced an "all access moment" in your life at an event, gathering or performance? What was that like?
2. Have you ever felt distant from God? If so, what has brought you back closer to Him?
3. What comes to mind when you consider Jesus, and when you think of a "better promise" from Him than what you have even seen or experienced thus far?
4. Pastor Dave said, "The best version of you is discovered and further developed as you live in a close proximity to Jesus." How can we live in close proximity to Jesus?
5. Why is being in proximity to God so important? How do you make this a lifestyle?
6. What limitations are shattered when we stand in God's presence and draw joy and strength from Him?
7. What are some practical ways to stay the course and protect your zeal to live a Christ centered life?
8. Who do you turn to when sin, shame, or disqualification tries to stand in the way of your full access to Jesus? What do we need to remind ourselves daily in order to combat these obstacles?