

Life Group Notes

Sunday 18th February 2024

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Title: The Presence: Church

Passage: Hebrews 10:19-22

Throughout this series we have looked at how are God's people can get back into God's presence after Eden and have seen the great lengths God's people went through to be in his presence. This week we focused on how we, the church, can enter God's presence.

We can enter the God's presence through Jesus (v19-21)

- Because of Jesus' sacrifice on the cross, and how he has opened the way for us into God's presence as our Great High Priest, we can enter God's presence ourselves with confidence. It is not dependent on anything we do.
- As followers of Jesus we can enjoy the benefits of our sin being exchanged with Jesus' righteousness, being clothed with his innocence and honour before God.
- As the church, we can enjoy a foretaste of heaven as the Holy Spirit dwells among us.

We are called to draw near to God (v22)

- We can do draw near to God sincerely, and confidently, knowing that, because of Jesus, sin and shame cannot stop us from entering God's presence.
- Drawing near to God requires us to actively choose to spend time in his presence.
- We can expect to meet with God's when we gather together as the church in his name.

Suggested Questions:

1. Which do you find more difficult, entering God's presence with confidence or entering God's presence with sincerity?
2. Are you drawing near to something else more than you drawing near to God? How could you hold each other accountable in your pursuit of God above all things?
3. What could it look like for you to seek God's presence more this week?
4. Pray for us to be a church who are hungry to be in God's presence.