



Week 1, Day 4:

And so, dear brothers and sisters, we can boldly enter heaven's Most Holy Place because of the blood of Jesus. By his death, Jesus opened a new and life-giving way through the curtain into the Most Holy Place. And since we have a great High Priest who rules over God's house, let us go right into the presence of God with sincere hearts fully trusting him. For our guilty consciences have been sprinkled with Christ's blood to make us clean, and our bodies have been washed with pure water. Let us hold tightly without wavering to the hope we affirm, for God can be trusted to keep his promise. Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near.

Hebrews 10:19-25

Who or what has the most influence in your life? It's an important question to ask because who or what you listen to will ultimately determine what you do. Some argue that church is not that big of a deal, but only people who are connected with Jesus and His church will experience the abundant life He promised us. Read Hebrews 10:19-25 above and answer the following:

- How many times are the words "us" and "we" used? With that in mind, do you think God intended Christianity to be a solo or a team sport?
- Does God want His people meeting together on a consistent basis?

Life is too short for us to make bad decision after bad decision. We need to seek the advice of people who love Jesus and will tell us what we need to hear rather than what we want to hear. We can always find a group of people to affirm our sin and dysfunction because doing so will allow them to justify their lifestyle. But that would be the wrong approach.

When you attend a church weekly and walk in with a prepared heart, you will often find that God will speak to you in a very direct way. God is always speaking. The question is, are we always listening?

So think about it, who or what has the most influence in your life? Answering this question is dangerous because in doing so, you may need to make some adjustments!!!

TAKE ACTION:

If you are not already connected to a Ridge Group, join a Built to Last Short-term group.

If you are connected to a Ridge Group, commit to **showing up** every week, **joining in** on the conversation and **being real** about where you are in your journey.

Invite someone who is not yet connected to a group to join you at your group.