



Vision Message
Sept 8
Heb 10:23-25

Leaders Guide
(Approximately 60 min)



Connect Spend time allowing group members to connect with one another relationally. (5 min)



Celebrate Ask how they've seen God working in their lives since you met last. (or relating to the previous meeting's discussion) (5 min)



Coach Facilitate discussion using the guide below (30 min)

Focus: Church Vision

“Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful.”

Hebrews 10:23

Read through Heb 10:23-25 and share a couple of things that stand out to you.



Why does the church matter?

Overview:

In the message Sunday we looked at this question: Why does the Church matter?

The world around us that don't believe in Jesus, they are not Christ-followers – they are asking the question – “Does church have any usefulness or relevance in the 21st century?”

Three reasons why the local church matters.

1. It Fosters Spiritual Growth

The church plays a vital role in fostering our spiritual development.

2. Discovering and Using Spiritual Gifts

One of the primary analogies of the church in the New Testament is the body.

3. Advancing Christ's Mission

The church unites us in our collective effort to fulfill the mission of Christ in the world.

If you are convinced with the direction we are going as a church, if you are excited as I am and our staff and elders are – then be part of our family. Here is what I am asking you to do.

Attend Regularly

Engage Deeply

Serve Actively

Give Generously

Discussion Questions:



Question 1: Why do you think some Christians today feel they can follow Jesus without being a part of a local church? How does Hebrews 10:23-25 challenge this idea?

Question 2: In what ways can being part of a church "spur one another on toward love and good deeds" (Hebrews 10:24)? Share a time when you experienced this in your own life.

Question 3: In which area of the church do you feel God is calling you to get more involved, and how can you take the next step in serving or connecting with others?

EXPERIENCE: A time to apply



Here is a spiritual assignment: In your quiet time this week pray and reflect on ways that you will get involved and serve the church this year.



Communicate

Share important information items with your group. (5 min)



Care

Spend time praying as a group. You may want to take specific prayer requests from your team members. (10 min)
