



**Holy Trinity**  
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**St Andrew's**  
Community Church

## Homegroup Material Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> June, Hebrews 10:19-25: Church!

Pray

Read Hebrews 10:19-25

**Discuss:** What sorts of things stop us from going to church or attending home group? Try to be honest with each other.

The sermon from Sunday concentrated on these three:

1. 'It's relationship not religion, I can get my spiritual hit online or on my bike, it's about me and God.'
2. 'Sunday is the only time I can...see my family/play my sport/catch up on sleep'
3. 'There are some weeks I am too messed up to come to church'

From the passage in Hebrews 10 try to consider a response to each of these reasons. To help with this, you might like to work through these questions:

1. Why do we need one another as Christians? (cf.vv.24-25)
2. What is 'the Day' and why does the writer refer to it in this context? How might it shape our priorities?
3. Consider verses 19-22 [leaders you may want to read chapters 1-9 to get the context for much of this!]:
  - a. What is our confidence when coming to God?
  - b. Why do Christians not need to feel guilty before God?
  - c. Who is 'good enough' for God without Jesus?
  - d. How does this impact our gathering together as church?

"Are we a place, are we a community which lives out its belief that we're saved by faith in Jesus' blood poured out for us on the cross? Or are we a community which implicitly tells its members that we must wear a smile, speak in a particular way, not be too messy, present a faith with no cracks, and in so doing put a bar in front of our church for those who feel messed up or not good enough? Because to the extent that we do that we are showing we

don't really believe the truth that we're saved by faith in God's grace. We say it, we assent to it, we sing it, but we don't live it. That's big."

**Discuss:** What would it look like (thinking very practically) for our Sunday gatherings and our home groups to be places which really live out our belief in justification by faith alone? *You might also want to discuss a follow up question:* how could it be possible to offer welcome and love to all (no matter how messed up, sinful, 'different to us') and at the same time be encouraging one another on towards the fruit of genuine faith which is love and good deeds?

**Finally,** you might like to take time to pray for any in your group (or known to you) who have felt rejected by the church and are still suffering as a result. How can we love them better?