

Sermon Title: To Gather

Sermon Series: Inviting – All In Together

Scripture: Hebrews 12:19-25

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**What would it look like to schedule your life around _____
church _____?**

“I hear people say, ‘I don’t have to go to church to be a Christian’, and they are absolutely right. Salvation is through faith alone in Christ alone.”

—Tony Evans

“But you don’t have to go home to be married, but stay away long enough and your relationship will be affected.”

—Tony Evans

**Invitation: Make _____ Participation a _____
Priority**

Hebrews 10:19-25 ESV

19 Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, 20 by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, 21 and since we have a great priest over the house of God, 22 let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. 23 Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. 24 And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, 25 not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

Hebrews 10:18 ESV

18 Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.

Hebrews 10:19-20 ESV

19 Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, 20 by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh,

Since we have Confident _____ **and** _____

Matthew 27:50-51 ESV

50 And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice and yielded up his spirit.

51 And behold, the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. And the earth shook, and the rocks were split.

Hebrews 10:21 ESV

21 and since we have a great priest over the house of God,

4 Responses to our Confident Access to and Intercession with God

1. Let us draw _____ to God

Hebrews 10:22 ESV

22 let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

2. Let us hold to _____

Hebrews 10:23 ESV

23 Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful.

3. Let us _____ help each other grow

Hebrews 10:24-25 ESV

24 And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, 25 not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

4. Let us _____ with other Christians

Hebrews 10:25 ESV

25 not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

“If attending church weren’t a habit for me, I’d have to expend a lot of willpower each week just to get there. If I’m used to sleeping in each Sunday, I may even forget about church and have to set a reminder. Maybe I’d have to adjust my work schedule to carve out time off on Sunday. I’d have to steel myself to get the kids ready and explain to children used to playing on Sunday morning that they had to squeeze into dressier-than-normal clothes and comb their hair. Then I’d have to punch the church’s address into my phone and try to figure out the tricky parking situation. If I’d had a particularly difficult week, I likely wouldn’t have the willpower reserves to push through all those barriers. But since attending is a habit for me, I don’t have to.”

—Drew Dyke

Habits help us translate what we believe into how we behave

—Drew Dyke

Luke 4:16a ESV

¹⁶ And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. And as was his **custom**, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day

Come early, park far, sit close, stay late

Invitation: Make Church Participation a Weekly Priority

What about Online Church?

1. It's an _____ for _____ people
2. It's a _____ _____ for – shut-ins or when traveling, working, or sick