

Momentum: In

A Vision for Following Christ Together

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Scripture:

Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, 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. Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, 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 10:19-25

Notes:

IN — Our relationship with God's people

HEBREWS

- Unknown author, specific date, and audience.
- Written to a specific group of Jewish Christians.
- Body is facing discouragement and suffering.
- Primary focus and emphasis is that Jesus is better.
- “Full Assurance of Faith” or “A Call to Persevere”
- Examples of true perseverance.

Our relationships with God's People BEGINS WITH GOD

*Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.
—1 John 4:11*

Our relationship with God BONDS US TO OTHERS

The Christian who is not committed to a group of other believers for praying, sharing, and serving, so that he/she is known, as he/she knows others, is not an obedient Christian. He/She is not in the will of God. However vocal he may be in his theology, he is not obeying the Lord. —Dr. Ray Ortland

RAISE: Equip and train a new generation of leaders while encouraging and developing existing leaders.

GATHER: Define and offer opportunities for our larger body to gather for fellowship in smaller groups.

CONNECT: Implement a new approach to get plugged into serving, gathering, and worshipping with others in the church family.

Building Momentum at Bethel Means

- Equip families for discipleship and spiritual leadership at home.
- Provide discussion and training materials for small groups.
- Develop meet-ups and hangouts.
- Create a comprehensive path from guest follow-up to learning, growing, serving, and connecting.