

## **Feb 22, 2026 Leader's Guide**

### **Hebrews 10: 11-14, 19-25; 32-35 "Once for all, Now lived"**

Here the preacher to the Hebrews invites us to live out the natural implications of the gospel, draw near; hold fast to hope, stir up one another to love and good deeds.

#### **Read Hebrews 10:11–14, 19–25, 32–35**

1. *"By a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified" (v. 14).* What do you notice about how this verse holds together something that is already finished ("perfected for all time") with something that is ongoing ("being sanctified")?

*Invite your group to observe the tension in the text rather than resolve it too quickly. Help them see that "perfected" here is not moral flawlessness but being fully fitted for a purpose. A purpose that will be reflected on in the next question. Sanctification names the ongoing process of being set apart and shaped for that purpose. Encourage participants to articulate how this reframes the Christian life away from earning God's acceptance and toward living out what has already been secured in Christ.*

2. According to Hebrews, what is the *task* Jesus' offering has made us "perfectly suited" for? How does the sermon's connection to Psalm 8 and Hebrews 2 expand your understanding of salvation?

*Invite the group to connect the text to the wider argument of Hebrews: humanity created to reflect God's glory into the world, stewarding creation toward life and flourishing. Help them see salvation as larger than personal forgiveness—God restoring human beings for their created vocation. Ask where they see the distortion of that vocation in the world today, and where they long to see it renewed.*

3. Hebrews 10:19–21 gives reasons before it gives invitations. Why does the preacher spend time grounding our access to God in Jesus' blood, body, and priesthood *before* saying "let us draw near"?

*Invite participants to linger with the logic of the passage. Encourage them to notice how access to God rests entirely on Jesus' work, not their spiritual performance. Gently surface the common instinct to approach God based on*

*how well one thinks they are doing. Create space for honest reflection about how this dynamic shows up in prayer, worship, or avoidance of God.*

4. “Let us draw near...” (v.22). What gets in the way of drawing near to God with confidence, and what practices help you actually live from God’s accepting love rather than striving for it?

*Invite your group to reflect personally rather than theoretically. You might name how guilt, shame, or self-righteousness can all keep us at a distance. Encourage participants to identify concrete ways they draw near—Scripture, prayer, singing, the table—and how those practices reshape desire and character over time. Emphasize that drawing near is the root of transformation, not the reward for it.*

5. “Let us hold fast the hope we confess” (v.23). How does the image of Jesus seated, waiting for his enemies to become his footstool (vv.12–13), shape Christian hope in a world marked by injustice, suffering, and fear?

*Invite the group to connect hope to the finished work of Christ and the promised future of God’s world. Encourage them to name the “enemies” they see around them—death, violence, injustice, disease—and to reflect on how hope in Jesus differs from optimism or denial. Help them see how a secure future enables faithfulness and courage in the present.*

6. Hebrews reminds its hearers of a past season of suffering marked by compassion, joy, and endurance (vv.32–35). What role does hope play in shaping how people suffer, and what kind of hope does this passage commend?

*Invite participants to observe the text carefully: the community’s endurance flows from knowing they possessed “a better and abiding possession.” Acknowledge the seriousness of suffering without collapsing it into easy answers. Encourage the group to reflect on how different kinds of hope—temporary or eternal—shape responses to hardship, perseverance, and love for others.*

7. “Let us consider how to stir one another up to love and good deeds” (vv.24–25). What does encouragement look like when it is shaped by drawing near to Jesus and holding fast to hope?

*Invite the group to explore encouragement as both coming alongside with compassion and calling one another toward the truth of Jesus. Help them imagine what it might look like to practice this beyond Sunday gatherings—speaking Jesus into one another’s guilt, unforgiveness, weariness, longing for justice etc. Encourage them to see community not as optional support but as essential participation in living out the gospel together.*

### **Closing Prayer Prompt**

Invite the group to pray that the Spirit would help them draw near to Jesus with confidence, hold fast to hope in a weary world, and lovingly stir one another toward lives that reflect God’s goodness and glory for the sake of others.