



NOTE: Our lesson questions are based on the NIV 2011 edition. Our preference is your first time through the questions, you answer without consulting commentaries - delight in what the Holy Spirit will reveal to you.

LESSON 17

HEBREWS 10:19-39

1. What truth, verse or insight from last week's study of forgiveness and the better sacrifice in **Hebrews 10:1-18** has changed your spiritual practices this week and how?
2. Pray for the Holy Spirit to speak through your time of reading **Hebrews 10:19-39**, a call to persecuted believers to persevere. What invitations, warnings and better things does this passage cause you to anticipate? How might these verses have been received by the original audience?
3. Read **V19-22**: How does having "confidence" and a "great priest" allow you to draw near to God? Ponder the fullness of the two "with" statements and of the cleansing in **V22** as part of your response. See **Hebrews 4:14-16**.

b) **CHALLENGE:** Describe the better and lasting possessions referenced in **V34**. See **Philippians 3:20, Revelation 21:2-4**.

8. Read **Hebrews 10:35-39**:

a) What specific encouragement do these verses offer the persecuted believer?

b) What do you look forward to receiving if you persevere and obey the will of God? Review **John 14:2-3, 16:33, Romans 8:17, 23**. Share any other verses from the Bible that come to mind.

9. CONSIDER JESUS: THE BETTER CONFIDENCE

To be reminded of the confidence we can have in Jesus, especially during times of persecution or pressure, is rescue! The word for confidence means "free and fearless confidence, cheerful courage, boldness, assurance". Note your observations about the better confidence in Jesus from the verses below and share your cheerful conviction and renewed boldness.

- **Ephesians 3:12-13**

- **Philippians 3:3-11**

- **Hebrews 10:19-22, 35-36, 39**

- **1 John 4:16-18**

MEMORY VERSE

"Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for He who promised is faithful." Hebrews 10:23

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PRAYER REQUEST