

## Treasuring Christ in the Church: Membership

Hebrews 10:19-25

### Introduction

1. The Significance of Our Summer Series
  - a. The Home Impacts the Church
  - b. The Church Impacts the World
2. The Significance of the Local Church
  - a. In My Life
  - b. In Society
  - c. In Churches
3. The Significance of Our Passage in Context
  - a. Written to a Local Church
  - b. Written as Exposition
  - c. Written as Exhortation

### Membership in the Early Church

1. They Kept Track of Their Numbers (Acts 2:41, 47b, 5:14, 11:24)
2. They Gathered in Local Congregations (2 Cor 1:1, Gal 1:1-2, 1 Thess 1:1-3, etc.)
3. They Lived in Community (Acts 2:42-47)
4. They Met Daily (Acts 2:46)
5. They Gave Letters of Commendation (Rom 16:1-2, 2 Cor 3:1-2)
6. They Practiced Church Discipline (1 Cor 5:9-13)
7. Their Leaders Were Accountable (Heb 13:17, Acts 20:28)
8. They Often Paid a Price – Persecution

### Belonging to God and One Another – vs. 19-21

1. Themes Leading Up to This Passage
  - a. Christology
  - b. Soteriology

2. The Perfect Sacrifice (vs. 19-20)
  - a. By His Blood
  - b. By His New and Living Way
  - c. Through His Flesh
3. The Perfect Priest (v. 21)
  - Application
    - a. Live in Community as Members of His Family
    - b. Live in Community as Members Joined by Covenant

### Let Us Draw Near – v. 22

1. With a True Heart
2. With Our Hearts Sprinkled Clean
3. With Our Bodies Washed With Pure Water
  - Application
    - a. Realize the Significance of the Gathering
    - b. Gather with Sincerity and Devotion
    - c. Gather Humbled by God's Grace

### Let Us Hold Fast – v. 23

1. What? – Confession of Our Hope
2. How? – Without Wavering
3. On What Basis? – God's Faithfulness
  - Application
    - a. Rally Around Our Confession
    - b. Let Nothing Distract
    - c. Celebrate God's Faithfulness

### Let Us Consider – vs. 24-25

1. Stirring Up One Another
  - a. Love
  - b. Good Works

2. **Not Forsaking the Gathering**
3. **Encouraging One Another**
  - **Application**
    - a. **We Must Live Out the “One Anothers”**
    - b. **We Must Love and Minister**
    - c. **We Must Gather Together More Earnestly**

<b>Final Application</b>
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1. **Church Member**
  - a. **How Committed are You to This Local Body Called UBC?**
  - b. **How Committed are You to the Members of This Local Body?**
2. **Non-Church Member**
  - a. **Why Continue in Disobedience?**
  - b. **You Need the Local Church**
  - c. **The Local Church Needs You**
3. **Seeker**
  - a. **Respond in Faith to the Gospel**
  - b. **Become a Member of a Local Church**