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"EXALT"

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## THE NEXT STEP FOR ME IS TO COMMIT TO CONNECTING WITH THE CHURCH

### The Repeats (required)

Yes, they are the same, but *WE* change, so please discuss these with your group

- [Share the announcements (on FB thread) with your group]
- God is ALWAYS working! Sometimes we just need to keep our "antennae up", to be looking for it. Go around your group and share your God Moments of how you have seen God working, either in your life or in the life of another, over the past few weeks.
- Is there anything that you want to share that has stood out to you so far from the current Point series?

### The Review (optional)

Use this section only if you want to review for those who were not in the Point

- Have someone explain the Point in their own words.\*
- What object lesson or illustration was used to communicate the Point this week? How did this apply to the Point?\*
- Have someone read or summarize the main Bible passage/story from the Point (see "The References" section).
- How did this Bible passage teach the Point?\*

*\*someone who was in the Point may need to explain this*



## The Reenergizer (optional)

Use this question if you need to get your group talking

- When are you *most likely* to end up not being able to make a final decision: a) making a purchase b) choosing a meal c) picking an outfit

## The Reflection (required)

Discuss these to go deeper, *and more personal*, into applying the Point

- Read Hebrews 10:19-21. These verses briefly summarize that Jesus has given us access to God *for eternity* through belief in Him. Hebrews then shares 3 expectations for Christ-followers, because of what Jesus did for us. Read the following, then explain each in your own words:
  - *Let's Draw Near* Hebrews 10:22
  - *Let's Hold Fast* Hebrews 10:23
  - *Let's Stay Connected* Hebrews 10:24-25
- Do you think that it's unusual that "stay connected" is included in this "Top 3" list? Why or why or why not? What does it's inclusion in this list mean about the *importance* of connection with the church?
- What are the two *reasons* to "stay connected" in verses 24-25?
- Do you feel that commitment to something is easy or hard? Why?
- Read each of the following passages and discuss what each says about commitment to connecting with the church:
  - Luke 9:61-62. How committed does Jesus want us to be?
  - Ecclesiastes 4:9-12. Why should we be committed to each other?
  - Joshua 24:14-15. What should be our "attitude of tenacity"?
- Which of these 3 things is the hardest for you to do/understand?
- What is one, specific way that your Pr'me can "reach out and help" (Ecc. 4:10) you succeed in this area?
- Close by praying for each person in this commitment...

## The References

Main Passage: **Hebrews 10:19-25 (NIV)** \*selected verses, read full passage in Bible

Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching

### **Luke 9:61-62 (NLT)**

Another said, "Yes, Lord, I will follow you, but first let me say good-bye to my family." But Jesus told him, "Anyone who puts a hand to the plow and then looks back is not fit for the Kingdom of God."

### **Ecclesiastes 4:9-12 (NLT)** \*selected verses, read full passage in Bible

Two people are better off than one, for they can help each other succeed. If one person falls, the other can reach out and help. But someone who falls alone is in real trouble....A person standing alone can be attacked and defeated, but two can stand back-to-back and conquer...

### **Joshua 24:14-15 (NIV)**

Now fear the Lord and serve him with all faithfulness. Throw away the gods your ancestors worshiped beyond the Euphrates River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. But if serving the Lord seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.