

Hebrews 10:25- The Gathering

Intro: Hebrews 10:19-25 review

Let us...

“...not neglect our meeting together, as some do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near” 10:25 NLT

This translation does not do justice to this scripture. It sounds so generalized like just meeting together anytime, anywhere is okay. In our time, many see church as optional and even unnecessary for the Christian life, it is important to know that this scripture is much stronger than at first glance.

NASB

“...not *forsaking our own assembling together*, as is the habit of some, but *encouraging one another*; and all the more as you see the day drawing near”

1. Let us not “forsake or abandon...” neglect is too weak a word
2. Assembling together, “the gathering” – this is not referring to gathering- in general but is specific - “the gathering” from the word synagogue
3. Encourage – a strong word more like “beseech, implore, exhort”

What is this to us?

1. The gathering – Sunday Worship observance is essential for the Christian. Remember, we believe this is God’s Word
2. This is a Christian discipline, and act of will and faith – in other words, it is an intentional choice of obedience whether we get something out of it or not!
3. It is a practice of putting God first in your life! It is a practical place where you actually put God first in your life that will have an influence in the rest of your life!

Therefore:

I beseech you, do not forsake the Sunday gathering as some do, but rather, I implore you, choose to put God first in your life and commit yourself, whether it is convenient, comfortable, interesting, or feels like a waste of your time. This practice is an act of faith and obedience which will spill over into every part of your life.