



CHURCH OF THE

Good Shepherd

Sermon Discussion Questions: August 23, 2026

Responding to Our High Priest

Sermon Series: Running the Race of Faith

Passage: Hebrews 10:19-39

1. Hebrews tells us that because of Jesus, we can “draw near” to God with confidence. What tends to keep you from drawing near to God honestly and openly? What would it look like for you to bring your “true heart” to him this week?
2. The sermon emphasized that Jesus is better than the things we are tempted to build our lives around—comfort, acceptance, success, relationships, status, etc. What are some things that can subtly become more important to you than Jesus? How do you recognize when that is happening?
3. Hebrews says, “Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful.” What does “holding fast” look like when following Jesus feels difficult, disappointing, or confusing? Where are you currently tempted to let go?
4. The sermon described Christianity as “not a me, but a we,” and used the picture of the redwoods whose roots are interconnected. Who are the people who help you keep following Jesus when it is hard? How could our group become better at “stirring one another up to love and good works”?
5. Hebrews warns against gradually drifting away from Jesus rather than simply abandoning him all at once. What are some ordinary patterns—busyness, distraction, disappointment, isolation, etc.—that can slowly pull a person away from Jesus? What is one concrete way you could “press on” in faith this week?