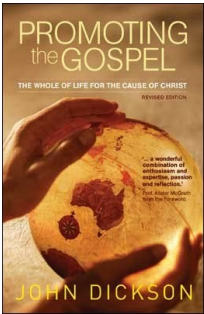




*The Message of Hebrews*  
**ENDURANCE**

## THE TRAVESTY OF REJECTING JESUS Hebrews 10:19-31



Have a brief discussion on Chapter 2 of 'Promoting the Gospel'. What was the main message in this chapter? What struck you as particularly helpful? Were there fresh understanding you were given on any particular points? What were you most challenged by?

What reasons do people have for falling away from their faith and stopping being Christian?

There can be a myriad of reasons for people to give up on being a Christian. It might have something to do with the Christian life being too hard. It could have something to do with their experience of church. Both these issues are central to the passage we're looking at today. **Read Hebrews 10:19-39.**

The initial couple of verses of this section carry on with the theme of what we've been looking at previously—Jesus' sacrifice and his priesthood.

In Hebrews 4:14-16, it talks about having confidence to draw near to God, and such an encouragement is given here in Hebrews 10:19-24. Comparing both these passages, where should our confidence derive from?

For a Christian friend who is still dealing with the sorrow and regret of past wrongs committed, how does 10:22 shape how we can help that person?

This passage has some 'let us' phrases - 'let us draw near to God', 'let us hold unwaveringly to the hope we profess' and..... What's the last 'let us' phrase?



Is it hard to think that you have a role to spur others on? Why?



What can you do to spur others on to love and good deeds?

Why do you think this instruction to spur others on is so closely linked to the command to 'not give up meeting together'?

Why do some people fail to meet with other Christians?

Do you ever feel the temptation to de-prioritise meeting together?

What should we do when we're faced with this temptation?

If someone was asked on the street 'why do you think people go to church' - what do you think they might say?

Do you think it's possible we can fall into the trap of not keeping 'encouraging one another' central to our mindset of what church is about?

We need to keep meeting together and encouraging each other. Without the encouragement, it's possible we could give up. And that seems to be the warning in verses 26-31.

If a person gives up on God, what can they expect?

It's not just giving up on Christianity, according to these verses what are they actually doing?

The verses—9:28, 10:25 and 10:36-37 all tell us something about 'the Day'. What is it about this Day that should give us focus to hold unswervingly to the hope we profess and endure?



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