

Unpacking the Preach

Date: 20th September 2020
Sermon Title: A family devoted to: meeting together
Bible Passage: Acts 2: 41 - 47, Hebrews 10:19-25

Recapping the Preach

The Acts 2 passage is very familiar to us now but take time to read the passage again, and then read the Hebrews 10:19-25 passage.

- What stood out to from either of these passages?

Stu began by pointing out that we are in a season, 'this too, shall pass'. Our current way of meeting with quarter of the church gathered and three quarters scattered online will pass and that is a good thing because it is not God's ideal.

- Stu mentioned that it is possible to get comfortable meeting online because it is convenient, less demanding, invasive, requires less sacrifice and plays into our consumerist and individualist culture. Do you agree? Why? Does any of this resonate with you?
- Stu pointed out that the Acts 2 passage is a 'snapshot' of the church and captures the church prior to many of the challenges it would face in the years ahead. Have you ever considered this before? What impact did the challenges have on the church?
- What are the differences between the picture in Acts 2:41-47 and Hebrews 10:19-25?

Where Acts 2 is a picture to aspire to, Hebrews 10:19-25 provides the foundation which encourages us to be devoted to meeting together.

- Read vs.19-22 again - what blessings of the gospel are described here?
- Which of these blessings is encouraging you today?
- If someone said to you, "I don't feel worthy to draw near to the holy God" what would you say to them?
- How do these verses encourage us to keep meeting together?

Our fellowship and meeting together is a blood bought gift, given to us by God who has made us a family. Therefore, the writer encourages, the church to do three practical things in vs.23,24,25.

- Read vs.23-25 again - which of these is easiest to do and which is hardest to do?
- What hinders you or gets in the way of you holding on to hope unswervingly?
- What gets in the way of you spurring others on to love and good deeds? What do you think this might look like in action?
- What hinders us or stops us meeting together?
- Why would you say it is important that we don't stop meeting together?
- What are the blessings you have known from meeting together?

Additional resources:

If you need some additional resources the below websites are useful:

- <https://www.gotquestions.org>
- <https://enduringword.com>
- <https://www.biblica.com>
- <https://biblehub.com/commentaries/>