





# RESET

**A STUDY OF HEBREWS 10:24-25**

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HEBREWS 10:24-25

# RESET

Reset is a word that means literally to set again or set anew. Other ways to say it would be Renewed, Regenerated, Reworked, Revitalized

Christ's church has endured for over 2000 years, yet these past few years have tested it in many ways we never expected. Old ways of worshipping and being the church together have been disrupted, for better and worse.

As we come out of the COVID pandemic, it's time to refocus our efforts and yes, reset ourselves on those things that make the church relevant to our lives and impactful in our community. Fortunately, Hebrews 10:24 & 25 give us these words of wisdom:

*"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."*

This fall, as an entire congregation, we will endeavor to press into these ideas and experience a reset:

- A Reset on Love,
- a Reset on Service,
- a Reset on Gathering, and
- a Reset in Light of our Eternity Together.

For four weeks – all of our ministry focus, all of our small groups, all of our Bible studies, all of our Sunday morning classes will be oriented around this reset.

For some of you it will be a homecoming of sorts, an opportunity to reengage in the practices that you had to step away from these past few years. For others, it will be a fresh opportunity to step into life in the church at its fullest. Either way – we look forward to what God will do as we Reset!

In Christ,

*Matt Erickson*

Senior Pastor, Eastbrook Church

# HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE:

This guide is intended to be used with a group of others to respond to and apply the sermons during each week of the Reset sermon series at Eastbrook Church (September 11-October 2). Use this guide with your small group, Bible study, family, or other group.

Each week's study incorporates a few sections:

## 1. **Sunday Sermons**

At the beginning of each week's study, you'll find the Sermon Outline from the preaching pastor's message. Feel free to take notes on this page each week. You'll also find a link to the sermon video if you missed it!

## 2. **"Beyond the Sermon" Video**

Watch the "Beyond the Sermon" video before your discussion each week for additional thoughts and teaching on the topic from other Eastbrookers. These videos will connect to the group discussion guide questions.

## 3. **Group Discussion Guide**

The OPEN UP, DIG IN, and LIVE IT OUT sections are meant to have everyone in the group respond to at least one of the questions.

## 4. **Dig Deeper**

For those who wish to dig into Hebrews 10:24-25 on a deeper level, use the DIG DEEPER section. You'll find books and articles to read, videos to watch, and other ways to learn more about and apply the week's topic.

## 5. **Pray Together**

Be sure to take time to pray for and with each other each week! At the back of this booklet, you'll find a spot to keep track of prayer requests.

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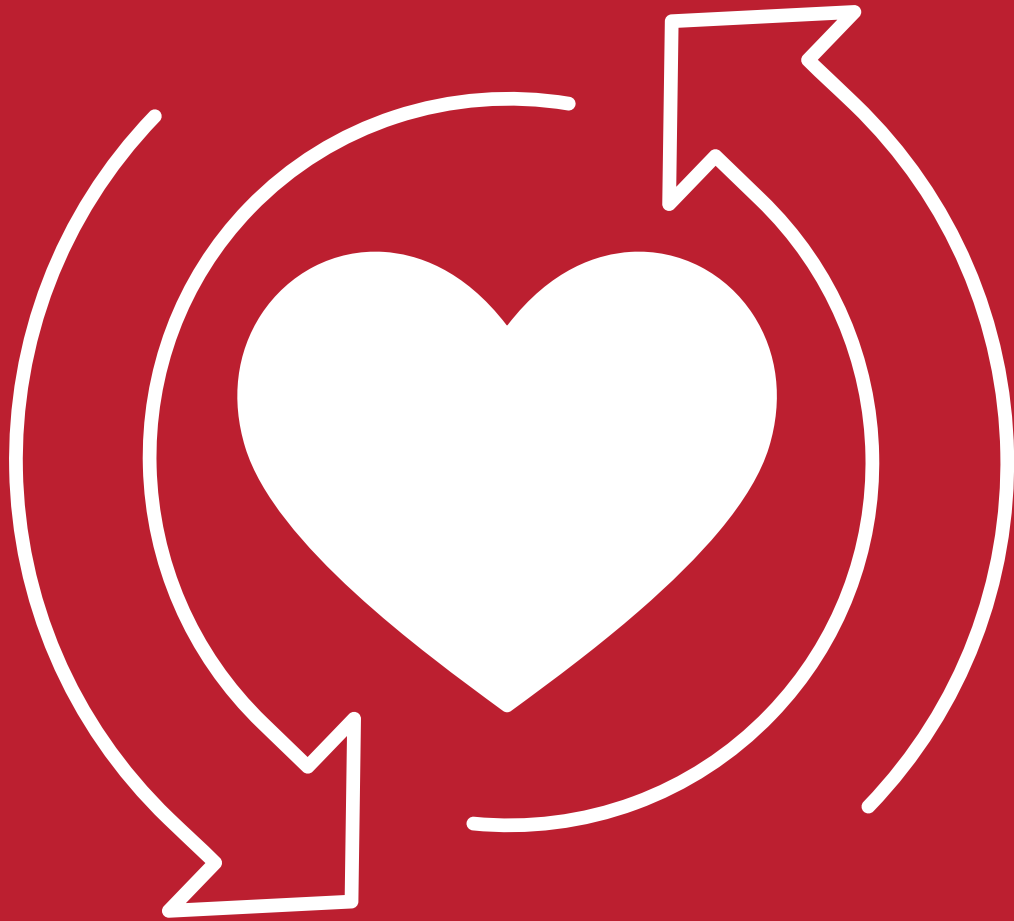
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WEEK 1:

# A RESET ON LOVE



# SERMON OUTLINE:

Sunday, September 11, 2022 · Hebrews 10:24-25, Colossians 3:12-17 · Pastor Matt Erickson

*"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." (Hebrews 10:24-25)*

*"Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. <sup>13</sup> Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. <sup>14</sup> And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.*

*<sup>15</sup> Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. <sup>16</sup> Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. <sup>17</sup> And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him " (Colossians 3:12-17)*

## **A Reset on Our Image of the Church Who Loves**

- The church as an event or a consumer activity
- Various images of the church in Scripture:
  - » bride of Christ (John 3:29; 2 Corinthians 11:2; Ephesians 5:25-27; Revelation 19:7-9)
  - » body of Christ (1 Corinthians 12:12-31; Romans 12:4-5; Ephesians 4:15-16; Colossians 1:18)
  - » new temple/building (1 Corinthians 3:16-19; Ephesians 2:19-22; 1 Peter 2:5)
- Focusing here on the church as a family (John 1:12; Ephesians 2:19; 5:1-11; 1 John 3:1-2; 2 Peter 3:9)

## **A Reset on How the Church Loves as a Family (Colossians 3:12-17)**

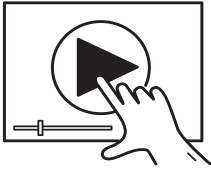
- Christian love and character
- Christian love as bearing and forgiving
- Christian love as the source of unity
- Christian love and peace
- Christian love and prayer
- Christian love and correction
- Christian love and worship
- Christian love and the Holy Spirit
- Christian love and life in Christ

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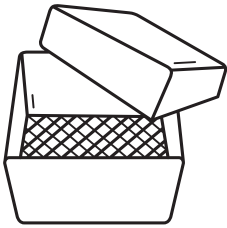


# GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE:



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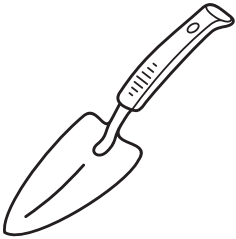
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## OPEN UP

Introduce yourself by name to the group. Have everyone in the group answers at least one of these questions:

1. When have you most needed a "reset" in your life? Were you able to do that or not? What happened?
2. If someone were to ask you, "Who are your people?" How would you respond?

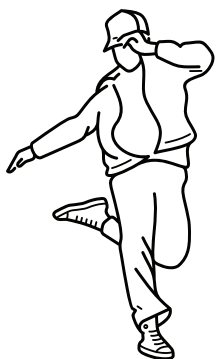


## DIG IN

This week's study focuses on the first part of Hebrews 10:24, related to loving one another. Begin your study in prayer by asking God to speak to you through His Word, and then read those two verses aloud.

3. When you think about the church, which of these Scriptural images is the first that jumps into your mind and why?
  - Church as bride of Christ
  - Church as body of Christ
  - Church as new temple/building
  - Church as family of God
4. Read Colossians 3:12-17 aloud. Why do you think verse 12 begins with an emphasis on character before relationship?
5. What stands out to you most in verse 13?
6. Why do you think Paul writes in verse 14 that love "*binds them all together in perfect unity*"?

7. How have you learned to let Christ's peace take root in your life as Paul says in verse 15?
8. What sort of activity does Paul describe in verse 16 for the community of Christ?
9. Of all the things Paul challenges us to do as the "Family of God" in this passage, which would you say are hardest to do? Which do you think are the easiest?
10. What do you think it would look like if the Church really operated according to these instructions?
11. Is there anything else from the video or the sermon that you wanted to discuss?



## LIVE IT OUT

**Have everyone in the group answer at least one of these questions:**

12. What is one thing God is revealing to you through this study about how you might need a reset on love?
13. Why do you think it is important for you to find those you can call "your people" within a Christian community?
14. If you are not already connected in an ongoing basis with a group of Christ followers, what will you do find that connection here at Eastbook? See our "NEXT STEPS" page on our website for some ideas: [eastbrook.org/nextsteps](http://eastbrook.org/nextsteps).

## DIG DEEPER

**This week dig deeper in one or more of the following ways:**

- Memorize Hebrews 10:24-25 or Colossians 3:12-17.
- Set aside space and time this week to meditate on Colossians 3:12-17. Let the Lord search through your heart and mind about your love for Him and for others. Ask the Lord to strengthen you in true love.
- Read Dietrich Bonhoeffer's book, *Life Together*, for a perspective on what God can use Christian Community to accomplish in our lives.

WEEK 2:

# A RESET ON SERVICE



# SERMON OUTLINE:

Sunday, September 18, 2022 · Hebrews 10:24, Romans 12:3-8 · Pastor Matt Erickson

*"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." (Hebrews 10:24-25)*

*"For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you. <sup>4</sup> For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, <sup>5</sup> so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. <sup>6</sup> We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; <sup>7</sup> if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; <sup>8</sup> if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully." (Romans 12:3-8)*

## **A Reset on Our Concept of the Church**

- The church as an event or a consumer activity
- Last week: the church as a family who loves one another
- This week the church as a body who serves one another

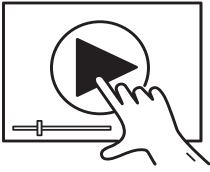
## **A Reset on How the Church Serves as a Body (Romans 12:3-8)**

- Like a body, the church is made by God and gifted by God
- Like a body, the church has different parts that belong to one another
- Like a body, the church has differing abilities in differing parts
- Like a body, the church requires every part actively using its gifts

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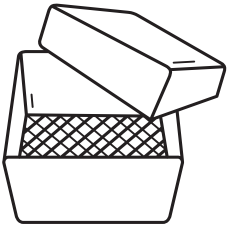


# GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE:



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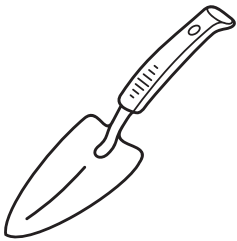
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## OPEN UP

Introduce yourself by name to the group. Have everyone in the group answer at least one of these questions:

1. Share a time you enjoyed "exceptional" service (at a restaurant, event, etc.). What made it so great?
2. Who do you know who embodies a life of service? What is it about them or their life that makes you say this about them?



## DIG IN

This week's study focuses on part of verse 24 related to serving and living with good deeds. Begin your study in prayer by asking God to speak to you through His Word, and then read Hebrews 10:24-25 aloud.

3. Explore the idea of the church as the body of Christ by reading aloud and considering some of these Scripture passages:

- 1 Corinthians 12:12-31
- Ephesians 3:6
- Ephesians 4:4, 15-16
- Colossians 1:18, 24
- Colossians 2:19

4. What jumps out to you as you read/hear what Paul is writing in these verses?

5. Read Romans 12:3-8 aloud. Why do you think Paul begins this section with a call to humility in verse 3?
  
6. How would you say humility is connected with the church's ability to function well as a body? What do you think makes this difficult?
  
7. How would explain to someone that the church in Christ is like a body according to Paul in verses 4-5?
  
8. In verse 6, Paul explains that it is important that the people who make up the church have different gifts and abilities because it demonstrates God's grace and work in us. How does this perspective change our approach to spiritual gifts and service?
  
9. It is likely that the gifts Paul lists in verses 6-8 are not a comprehensive list but examples of gifts in the body of Christ (see 1 Corinthians 12). What do you think is Paul's point in these verses?
  
10. What do you think is the impact when believers do not use their gifting for service within the church?

11. What has been the best experience you've had serving in the church? What made it so good?

12. Is there anything else from the video or the sermon that you wanted to discuss?



## LIVE IT OUT

**Have everyone in the group answer at least one of these questions:**

13. What do you think are your spiritual gifts or talents given by God? How do you know? If you don't know them, you can visit our "NEXT STEPS" page on the website to take a free assessment to help identify them: [eastbrook.org/nextsteps](http://eastbrook.org/nextsteps).

14. What is one way God is speaking to you through this study about your service within the church? What would you say is your next step in serving in the church? How can this group help you respond to what God is showing you?

## DIG DEEPER

**This week dig deeper in one or more of the following ways:**

- Memorize some portion or all of either Hebrews 10:24-25 or Romans 12:3-8.
- Pray about that and then make a list of spiritual gifts and talents God has blessed you with that you are aware. Perhaps you could discuss this list with someone close to you so you both can grow in your faith and service.
- Set aside space and time this week to meditate on Romans 12:3-8. Let the Lord search through your heart and mind about your love for Him and for others. Ask the Lord to direct you in service within the church for His glory.
- Read Henry Blackaby's book, *What's So Spiritual About Your Gifts?*, to discover how our gifting and service is a reflection of the Holy Spirit's work in our lives.

WEEK 3:

# A RESET ON GATHERING





# SERMON OUTLINE:

Sunday, September 25, 2022 · Hebrews 10:25a, Psalm 100 · Pastor Ruth Carver

*“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.”  
(Hebrews 10:24-25)*

<sup>1</sup> Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.

<sup>2</sup> Worship the Lord with gladness;  
come before him with joyful songs.

<sup>3</sup> Know that the Lord is God.  
It is he who made us, and we are his[a];  
we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

<sup>4</sup> Enter his gates with thanksgiving  
and his courts with praise;  
give thanks to him and praise his name.

<sup>5</sup> For the Lord is good and his love endures forever;  
his faithfulness continues through all generations. (Psalm 100)

## Gathering Together to Worship

- In the Old Testament
  - » God’s idea, God’s command
  - » Festivals at temple in Jerusalem, then synagogues
  - » Psalm 100, the reset psalm
- In the New Testament
  - » Jesus’ insistence on it
    - “Wherever 2 or 3 of you are gathered...” (Mt 18:20)
    - “I will build my church...” (Mt 16:18)
    - John 17 prayer
    - Institution of the Lord’s Supper
  - » Early Christian gatherings
    - In addition to synagogue gatherings
    - House churches

## Hebrews passage – Some Christians Gave Up Meeting Together

- Reasons they might have done so
  - » Fear of authorities
  - » Fear of mockery

- » Laziness
- » Dislike of other Christians
- » Disappointment that Jesus hadn't come back yet
- The fires of Rome (64 AD)
  - » Nero's making Christians the scapegoat
  - » Danger of abandoning the Christian faith

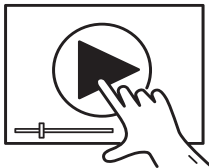
### Why We Need to Gather in Person Corporately Today

- Because we are in danger
- Because it pleases God
- Because the physical presence of other Christians is God's gift to us

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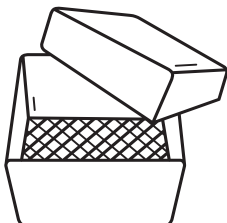


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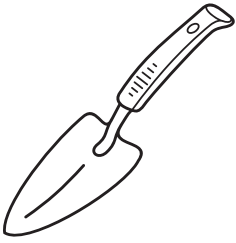
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## OPEN UP

Introduce yourself by name to the group. Have everyone in the group answer at least one of these questions:

1. When is the first time you remember attending a worship service at a church? What do you remember about that experience?
2. When is the first time you remember experiencing a worship service at Eastbrook? What do you remember about that experience?



## DIG IN

**This week's study focuses on part of verse 25 related to the importance of our gathering together as God's people. Begin your study in prayer by asking God to speak to you through His Word, and then read Hebrews 10:24-25 aloud.**

3. Describe one difficulty and one blessing you can experience when you go to in-person worship services.

4. What are some good reasons for retaining online services (besides convenience)?

5. What are some of the ways attending in-person worship services can stretch us in ways that participating only online might not? Do you believe there are ways to overcome this? How?

6. Discuss this quote about gathering with other Christians: "What is an unspeakable gift of God for the lonely individual is easily disregarded and trodden under foot by those who have the gift every day." (Bonhoeffer, *Life Together*).

7. Read Psalm 100 aloud. What does this psalm tell us about God's acts?

8. What does it tell us about God's character?

9. What do you think verse 3 tells us about our status and relationship with God?
10. In what ways do you think we can see God's faithfulness to all generations (verse 5) when we come to in-person worship services?
11. Is there anything else from the video or the sermon that you wanted to discuss?



## LIVE IT OUT

**Have everyone in the group answer at least one of these questions:**

12. What is one way God is speaking to you through this study about how and how often you gather with others for worship? How can this group help you respond to what God is showing you?
13. In Psalm 100, the writer gives us six reasons for praising God. Which of the six most motivates you to praise Him?
14. It can be easy to drift into sporadic attendance patterns for worship. What commitment to attending worship regularly can you make? Who will you ask to hold you accountable to it?

## DIG DEEPER

**This week dig deeper in one or more of the following ways:**

- Watch "The Public Reading of Scripture": [youtube.com/watch?v=BO1Y9XyWKTw](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BO1Y9XyWKTw) by The Bible Project.
- Meditate on these passages about gathering in the church: Psalm 122, 1 Peter 2:9, Matthew 18:19-20, 1 Timothy 4:13, 1 Corinthians 14:26-33
- Memorize Psalm 100

WEEK 4:

# A RESET IN LIGHT OF THE END



# SERMON OUTLINE:

Sunday, October 2, 2022 · Hebrews 10:25; 9:27-28; 11:13-16; Revelation 22:20 · Pastor Matt Erickson

*"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." (Hebrews 10:24-25)*

*"Just as people are destined to die once, and after that to face judgment,<sup>28</sup> so Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many; and he will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for him." (Hebrews 9:27-28)*

*"All these people were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance, admitting that they were foreigners and strangers on earth.<sup>14</sup> People who say such things show that they are looking for a country of their own.<sup>15</sup> If they had been thinking of the country they had left, they would have had opportunity to return.<sup>16</sup> Instead, they were longing for a better country—a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them." (Hebrews 11:13-16)*

*"He who testifies to these things says, 'Yes, I am coming soon.' Amen. Come, Lord Jesus." (Revelation 22:20)*

## The Challenge of Time in Our Day

- Instant society and the warping of time: expectation of speed
- COVID and the warping of time: slowing down and confusion
- The challenge of time in the day when Hebrews was written

## A Reset on Time with Faith, Hope, and Love (Hebrews 10:23-25; 11:1)

- Faith holds what is not seen
- Hope grasps the future yet to be realized
- Love lives in the present in light of the future

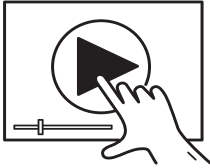
## A Reset for the Long Haul (Hebrews 10:25; 9:27-28; 11:13-16; Revelation 22:20)

- The reality of the end and Christ's *parousia*
- The call to perseverance until that day: "a long obedience in the same direction"
- The call to waiting in the in-between: "Come, Lord Jesus!"
- The anticipation of fullness: "a better country"

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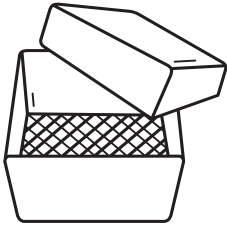


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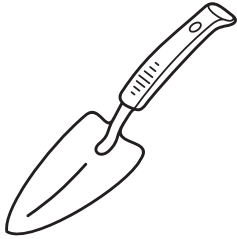
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## OPEN UP

Introduce yourself by name to the group. Have everyone in the group answer at least one of these questions:

1. What are you most looking forward to about the future?
2. Dream a little bit: What do you think the next "transformative" invention will be? (i.e. – in my lifetime: the personal computer, the iPhone, drones, etc.)



## DIG IN

This week's study focuses on the last part of verse 25 related to the day of Christ's return. Begin your study in prayer by asking God to speak to you through His Word, and then read Hebrews 10:24-25 aloud.

3. Our society is often fast-paced and eager for instant gratification. How did your experience of time during the lockdown and the pandemic change?
4. Who has been an example of "long haul" faith for you in journey with God? What do you think has helped them maintain their faith through the years?

5. Explore the concept of “The Day of the Lord” by reading aloud and considering some or all of these Scripture passages (read at least 5!):

- Isaiah 2:12; 13:6, 9
- Ezekiel 13:5, 30:3
- Joel 1:15, 2:1,11,31; 3:14
- Amos 5:18,20
- Obadiah 15
- Zephaniah 1:7,14
- Zechariah 14:1
- Malachi 4:5
- Acts 2:20
- 1 Corinthians 5:5
- 2 Corinthians 1:14
- 1 Thessalonians 5:2
- 2 Thessalonians 2:2
- 2 Peter 3:10
- Revelation 6:17; 16:14

6. What have you learned about “The Day of the Lord” from what you’ve read?

7. In Hebrews 10:24-25, what do you think the writer is trying to tell his original readers about the journey of faith based on the final phrase of verse 25?

8. What would you say are the biggest barriers that keep us from loving, serving, and meeting together over the long haul of faith?





## LIVE IT OUT

**Have everyone in the group answer at least one of these questions:**

9. These four weeks were meant to be a starting point for some and a reengagement for others...what will you do coming out of these four weeks to stay actively engaged in growing your faith as part of the Eastbrook family? You can check the Connect, Grow and Serve brochure or the Next Steps page on our website to find a variety of ways to continue your journey here.
10. Discuss as a group what your next steps together might be. See the Next Steps Page at the end of this book for some potential options.
11. What is one thing God is revealing to you through this week's study? Share your answers with one another before closing in prayer.

## DIG DEEPER

**This week dig deeper in one or more of the following ways:**

- Memorize Hebrews 10:24-25.
- Set aside space and time this week to reflect on the long haul of faith. Journal, pray, or discuss with another these questions/prompts:
  - » What is most difficult for me about faith in the long haul?
  - » What are the barriers that keep me from loving, serving, and meeting together over the long haul of faith?
  - » Where do I most need to grow with God in this area?
- Watch the Bible Project video, "The Day of the Lord": [bibleproject.com/explore/video/day-of-the-lord/](https://bibleproject.com/explore/video/day-of-the-lord/).
- Read the essay, "The Day of the Lord," by Jason S. DeRouchie: [thegospelcoalition.org/essay/the-day-of-the-lord/](https://thegospelcoalition.org/essay/the-day-of-the-lord/).

# WHAT'S NEXT?

For some of you, this series has simply been part of the ongoing small group or Bible Study group you have been a part of, but for others this was a new experience. We want to encourage you to continue on with the commitments you've made as part of the Reset Series. Here are some possibilities of how you can continue on after this series.

## A RESET ON LOVE:

- *Keep your existing group going—people, time, place and frequency will remain the same. Let us know about your new group at [eastbrook.org/newgroup](http://eastbrook.org/newgroup).*
- *Keep your existing group going but with a few changes in either people, place, time or frequency. Let us know about your group at [eastbrook.org/newgroup](http://eastbrook.org/newgroup).*
- *You want to join a new Small Group. Plan to join us on October 18 for our next Small Group Launch. RSVP at [eastbrook.org/smallgrouplaunch](http://eastbrook.org/smallgrouplaunch).*
- *You want to join a Large Group Study (Women's, Men's, 20s & 30s, TEDS, or a new Sunday Adult Class). Find all of these options at [eastbrook.org/studies](http://eastbrook.org/studies).*
- *You already have other plans for how you will stay connected after Reset.*
- *You do not want to continue on in a group at this time.*

Questions about groups, studies, classes, and more? Contact Adult Discipleship Pastor Jim Caler, [jcaler@eastbrook.org](mailto:jcaler@eastbrook.org).

## A RESET ON SERVICE:

- *Continue to serve as you have been during the Reset series.*
- *Begin serving in a new way as a response to the Reset series—sign up for the monthly Top Serving Needs email at [eastbrook.org/email](http://eastbrook.org/email) to stay on top of ways to serve in the church, city, and world.*

Questions about getting involved in serving here at Eastbrook? Contact Church Engagement Coordinator Tanya Schachner, [tschachner@eastbrook.org](mailto:tschachner@eastbrook.org)

## A RESET ON GATHERING:

- *Commit to attend each Sunday service of the next sermon series, which is a part of MissionsFest (October 10 & 17, 2022).*
- *Commit to returning to in-person worship at least 2 times in the next month.*

Questions about our weekend worship services? Contact Worship Pastor Femi Ibitoye [fibitoye@eastbrook.org](mailto:fibitoye@eastbrook.org).

# SMALL GROUP AGREEMENT:

Small Groups at Eastbrook Church exist to promote community, discipleship, and engagement with God's mission through meaningful Christian relationships and study of God's Word (Hebrews 10:24-25).

## WE'LL DO THIS BY FOCUSING ON FOUR PRIMARY ACTIVITIES:

**Sharing Time Together** – Think about sharing a simple meal or snack as a group. Breaking Bread together will give us relational time to invest in each other and build community.

**Group Discussions** – Engage in Bible study together. We will discuss what it means and how we can put it into practice in our daily lives.

**Social Events** – Periodically, we will have special events we do together as groups to share in celebrations and simply enjoy moments of life together (Christmas parties, Thanksgiving meals, cookouts, etc.).

**Engaging in God's Mission** – We are a group of individual missionaries who will support each other with the various mission/evangelistic opportunities God has given each of us (at home, work, neighborhood etc.) through prayer and accountability.

## SMALL GROUP CORE VALUES:

**Safe Environment** - To help create a safe place where people can be heard and feel loved, please don't respond with quick answers, snap judgments, or overly simple fixes.

**Respect for Differences** – Remember to be gentle and gracious to people at different levels of spiritual maturity. Allow people's thoughts and opinions to be heard. Commit to cooperatively working with people who have different temperaments. Know that people will have imperfections. Respect each other and realize we are all are all works in progress and desiring to grow.

**Confidentiality** – Keep anything that is shared strictly confidential and within the group. Avoid sharing information about fellow group members or their associates with people outside of the group.

## OTHER GROUP DETAILS/VALUES:

1. Group night: When will we meet? Where will we meet?
2. Children: How will children function within our group? (Participate in our group study? Have a study of their own? Enjoy a time of recreation together? No kids? Who will coordinate?)
3. Topic: What will we study? For how long?
4. Prayer: Do we agree to pray for one another regularly?
5. Meals/snacks: Who will coordinate? (Take turns? Sign-up sheet?)
6. Anything else we should agree to or discuss?

**As a group we agree to these decisions and will hold each other accountable to them. Please have each person sign this document below.**

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# GROUP MEMBER LIST:

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