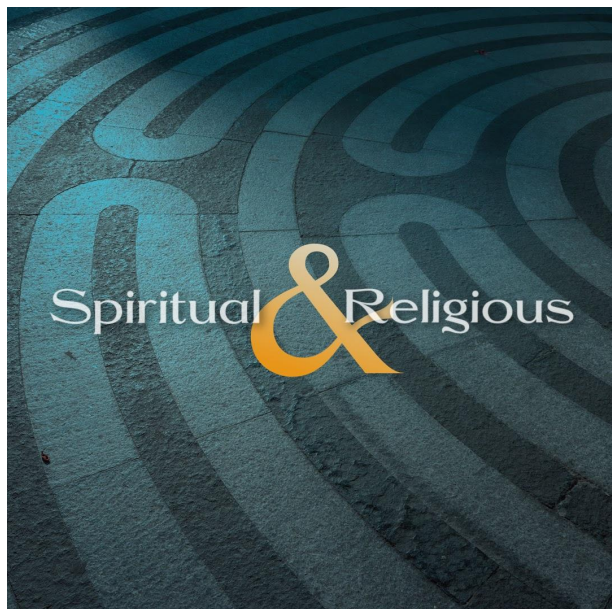


SPIRITUAL & RELIGIOUS: LIFE TOGETHER

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Hebrews 10:19-25

Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

REFLECT & DISCUSS

1. Read the passage slowly. Then take a deep breath and read it again. What word, phrase or image stands out to you?
2. Consider and discuss what it might mean to “provoke one another to love and good deeds.”
3. Why do you think the author of Hebrews accented “meeting together” so strongly? What are the struggles and challenges we face today that might keep us from regularly gathering together - be it for Sunday morning worship, small groups, or to serve others?
4. Reflect on a time when you were unable or out of the habit of gathering for worship or spiritual connection. What did you miss, and why?
5. Take a moment to consider who might need encouragement in your life, and how you might encourage them.

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