

Goldstone Church

Small Group Questions

Hebrews 6:9-20

Talk About

- What is the best praise or advice that you have received?
- What is the first thing that comes to mind when you think about God?
- When did God become real to you? What happened?
- What makes a person bold or confident?

Read About

- What TWO things does God not do (v.10)?
- Why does the writer want us to “*show this same diligence to the very end*” (v.11)?
- To whom did God make his promise (v.13)? What did this promise say? See Genesis 12:1-3.
- Did Abraham receive what God promised straight away (v.15)? How long did Abraham wait? See Genesis 12:4 & 21:5.
- How did God confirm His promise (v.17)?
- What image is used to describe the hope that Christians have in God (v.19a)? How effective is this hope?
- Where did Jesus enter before us (v.19b-20a)? How does this confirm Jesus’ title as the Great High Priest?

Think About

- What is the purpose of an oath? Why does God need to swear one?
- As Christians, what is our hope? Why is it an anchor for the soul? What other imagery might you use instead?
- How do God’s promises in the past act as an anchor for you today?
- In what area/s of your life is it hardest for you to trust God? Why?
- What key verse or thought stands out for you in this passage?
- You could end by reading / memorising Hebrews 6:19-20.

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⁹ Even though we speak like this, dear friends, we are confident of better things in your case –things that accompany salvation. ¹⁰ God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them. ¹¹ We want each of you to show this same diligence to the very end, in order to make your hope sure. ¹² We do not want you to become lazy, but to imitate those who through faith and patience inherit what has been promised.

¹³ When God made his promise to Abraham, since there was no-one greater for him to swear by, he swore by himself, ¹⁴ saying, “I will surely bless you and give you many descendants.” ¹⁵ And so after waiting patiently, Abraham received what was promised.

¹⁶ Men swear by someone greater than themselves, and the oath confirms what is said and puts an end to all argument. ¹⁷ Because God wanted to make the unchanging nature of his purpose very clear to the heirs of what was promised, he confirmed it with an oath. ¹⁸ God did this so that, by two unchangeable things in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have fled to take hold of the hope offered to us may be greatly encouraged. ¹⁹ We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure. It enters the inner sanctuary behind the curtain, ²⁰ where Jesus, who went before us, has entered on our behalf. He has become a high priest for ever, in the order of Melchizedek.