

In the video, Derwin talked about what it means to hold on to hope. **What hopes do you hold on to?**

Most of our hopes are unsure and can be left unfulfilled or taken away from us. Derwin taught us that biblical hope is more than wishful thinking. Hope is the assurance that Jesus will fulfill his promises. If God makes a promise, he will keep it. We only have to wait for him to act. **What do you think it looks like to put your hope in Jesus?**

How might trusting him with your future change the way you act at home? At work?

Living confidently in what Jesus has done and what he will do does not guarantee that we will avoid hard times. But in those seasons, he wants us to draw near to him. **In what ways are you relying on Jesus today?**

What makes you aware of Jesus’s presence in your life?

What might change in your daily routine if you were confident that Jesus was with you?

Note: To dig more deeply into what Derwin meant when he said we can bury our sin and shame in Jesus, go to **Go Deeper Section 2** at the end of this study.

God wants us to draw near to him, but he doesn’t want us to do it alone. Read Hebrews 10:24–25.

According to these verses, what practices should we be applying in our Christian communities?

Why do you think it is easy to neglect meeting with other Christians?

Drawing near to Jesus requires us to draw near to other Christians. **What would it look like for your small group to “provoke love and good works” from each other?**

Note: To learn about the fourth warning of Hebrews, go to **Go Deeper Section 3** at the end of this study.

Take a moment to talk to your small group about what is going on in each other’s lives. **What encouragement does each person need this week?**

How might your group encourage each other “day after day” so that you all might grow to be like Jesus

What has Jesus’s sacrifice done for us, according to verse 14?

How does God treat our sin if we have accepted Christ?

Your sins, not in part but completely, have been forgiven. God does not think of them when he looks at you. Jesus’s work in forgiving our sin is finished. He now offers us freedom to walk in a new life free from sin and shame.

What fear or anxiety can cause you to worry about your sins?

What would it look like to trust God with your sin? How might trusting God with your actions change your relationship with him?

3. The Fourth Warning: Living in Willful Sin

When we understand that Jesus has fully forgiven all our sin—past, present, and future—we may wonder why it’s a problem to continue in sin. Why should we stop sinning if God has already forgiven us? It may seem like a reasonable question, but it ignores the reason Jesus came to die. Read Hebrews 10:26–31.

Look at verses 29–31 again. **If we claim to follow Jesus, but nothing in our life changes, what do we have to look forward to?**

What is our disposition toward God if we continue in sin, according to verse 29?

Jesus came to rescue us from sin and death. If we claim to know him, we should likewise make every effort to leave our sin behind. To continue living in our old sins makes a mockery of Jesus, his sacrifice, and the new life he offers us. We should recognize that Jesus has fully forgiven us, but we should not take it for granted or think he provides a loophole for us to continue sinning. **What sins seem to cling to you and are difficult to leave behind?**

This passage reminds us of God’s full forgiveness. Read Hebrews 10:19–25.

What actions are we prescribed to help us abandon sin?

When we approach Jesus, what does it look like to confess and repent of sin?

When sin continues to tempt you, what thoughts or verses could remind you of the greater hope you have in Jesus?

God calls us to fight sin as a group through encouragement and prayer. **What sins do you need to let your community know about so that they can encourage and pray for you?**
