

## Jesus, Our Anchor

**Open The Conversation:** Share something good from this week.

**Key Scripture:** Read the following together.

*"But, beloved, we are confident of better things concerning you, yes, things that accompany salvation, though we speak in this manner. 10 For God is not unjust to forget your work and labor of love which you have shown toward His name, in that you have ministered to the saints, and do minister. 11 And we desire that each one of you show the same diligence to the full assurance of hope until the end, 12 that you do not become sluggish, but imitate those who through faith and patience inherit the promises. 13 For when God made a promise to Abraham, because He could swear by no one greater, He swore by Himself, 14 saying, "Surely blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply you." 15 And so, after he had patiently endured, he obtained the promise. 16 For men indeed swear by the greater, and an oath for confirmation is for them an end of all dispute. 17 Thus God, determining to show more abundantly to the heirs of promise the immutability of His counsel, confirmed it by an oath, 18 that by two immutable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we might have strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold of the hope set before us. 19 This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which enters the Presence behind the veil, 20 where the forerunner has entered for us, even Jesus, having become High Priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek."*

*Hebrews 6:9-20 NKJV*

1. What does this scripture tell me about me?
2. What does this scripture tell me about God?

**Start Sharing:** Choose one question to start the conversation, move onto others if time allows.

- Have you ever felt discouraged or forgotten in your journey with God? How does the reminder in Hebrews 6:10-12 that God does not forget your work and labor of love, encourage you in your current struggles?
- In the message, Abraham's promise was fulfilled only after he "patiently endured." How do you tend to react when promises or prayers seem delayed? How can you cultivate more patience and faith during waiting periods?
- The passage describes Jesus as the "anchor of the soul" (v. 19-20). When life feels unstable or chaotic, what truths about Jesus do you return to for peace and stability? How does Jesus as your anchor compare to other "anchors" you have turned to?
- Hebrews 6:12 encourages us to "imitate those who through faith and patience inherit the promises." Who are some examples in your life (or in Scripture) that

inspire you to live out your faith with diligence and patience? What lessons can we learn from them?

- Jesus is described as the "forerunner" who has entered into heaven on our behalf (v. 20). How does knowing that Jesus has paved the way for us in heaven change your perspective on the challenges and difficulties you face on earth? How does this shape your hope for the future?

**Start Praying: Pray together and for one another.**

*"God, we thank you for Jesus as our anchor. Help us to turn away from the other anchors we have had in our lives, and look to Jesus alone. Our hope is in you, and we invite you to have your way in us as we patiently endure for the promises set before us."*