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As you settle in and prepare your heart for worship this morning, ask God to fill you with the hope and strength that is found only in Him.

"For this reason we kneel before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name. We pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen us with power through his Spirit in our inner beings, so that Christ may dwell in our hearts through faith. And we pray that we, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that we may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God."

**Music from this week:**

Praise The Lord Ye Heavens [*Young Oceans*]; All The Poor And Powerless, Your Glory [*All Sons and Daughters*]; God You Reign [*Brewster*]

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## **Better Together: Gathering as a Response to Jesus**

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*Hebrews 10:19-25*

Three Invitations to gather as a response to Jesus

1. \_\_\_\_\_: Let US draw near to God.

"Let us draw near (to God) with a true heart in full assurance of faith... (v 10:22 *ESV*)

2. \_\_\_\_\_: Let US hold fast to the confession of our hope.

"Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful." (v 10:23 *ESV*)

3. \_\_\_\_\_: Let US consider one another.

"And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to gather together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another..." (v 10:24-25 *ESV*)

### **Further Reflection:**

How are you responding to Jesus' invitation to gather with fellow believers (small groups, classes)? Perhaps there are some hindrances to be looked at (busyness, bad habits, vices, destructive relationships)? Spend some time this week taking inventory, then in grace and courage, make some decisions what you can add and release in order to live into the community you've been designed to live in.