

Beyond Sunday

8.23.2026 — Reconnect

Reconnect with God's People: Don't Walk Alone — Rachel Taylor

Gather

These questions help build connections with others as you share personal experiences.

1. When you're having a difficult season, are you more likely to reach out to someone or try to handle things on your own? Why?
2. Think of a person who has seen the "real" version of your life—not just the cleaned-up version. What has made it possible for you to be comfortable being known by them?

Grow

These questions guide your group through Scripture from Sunday's Sermon. Sharing observations that lead to greater understanding of Scripture and of God's work in our lives.

Read **Hebrews 10:19–25** together.

1. Reflecting on Hebrews 10:19–22

- What does the author say gives us confidence to enter God's presence?
- What do you notice about the words used to describe our relationship with God—"confidence," "draw near," and "full assurance"?
- How does knowing that our confidence before God comes through Jesus—not through our own performance—challenge the temptation to "clean ourselves up" before approaching God?

2. Looking at Hebrews 10:23

- What reason does the author give for holding "unswervingly" to our hope?
- How is "he who promised is faithful" different from being told to simply try harder or be stronger in our faith?
- Where might you be tempted to rely on your own strength to hold your faith together?

3. Reading Hebrews 10:24–25

- What are believers instructed to do for one another in these verses?
- Why do you think the author repeatedly uses the phrase “**let us**” rather than giving instructions only to individual believers?
- What do these verses teach us about why Christian community is not optional to a healthy life of faith?
- Who has helped “spur you on” in your faith? What did they do?

4. Looking at Hebrews 10:25

- The passage warns against “giving up meeting together” and describes it as something that can become a **habit**.
- What are some small ways people can gradually withdraw from Christian community?
- Why might difficult seasons actually be a time when we need other believers **more**, rather than less?

Give / Go

These questions help us apply the sermon take-aways of how we will give back to God and go share what we’ve learned through application and life change.

1. How does this passage challenge the idea that spiritual maturity means becoming increasingly self-sufficient? What might God be inviting you to receive from others—or offer to someone else?
2. **Take a faithful step this week:**
Who is one person you can reach out to and say, in some form, “I don’t want to keep doing this alone”? What would it look like to share something real about your life rather than waiting until everything is “presentable”?

Prayer

Spend a few moments praying about the people God has placed around you.

Group Prayer Question:

How can we be praying for you this week, and how can we as a group help make sure you don’t have to carry that alone?

Going Deeper

If you are interested in exploring the themes of this week a bit deeper, consider one of these:

Practice: One Reach-Out — This week, intentionally contact one person you have been meaning to reconnect with. Ask, "**How are you, really?**" and be willing to answer the same question honestly.

Book: *Life Together* by Dietrich Bonhoeffer — A classic exploration of Christian community and what it means to live faithfully with other believers. <https://a.co/d/08ITFYwf>

Video: *Step 5: You Can Only Be Loved to the Extent you are Known*: John Ortberg, Become New Podcast. <https://becomenew.subspla.sh/qqny3dn>