

**Small Group Discussion Guide**  
**Sermon Date: August 12, 2021**  
**Series: Rooted In Fellowship**  
**Speaker: Reverend Raphael Warnock**  
**Sermon Title: We Have Come into This House**

**Text: Hebrews 10:19-25**

<sup>10:19</sup> Therefore, my friends,<sup>[a]</sup> since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, <sup>20</sup> by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), <sup>21</sup> and since we have a great priest over the house of God, <sup>22</sup> let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. <sup>23</sup> Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. <sup>24</sup> And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, <sup>25</sup> not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

**Sermon Summary**

The sermon relaunches the “Rooted” series by examining the central importance of fellowship within the church. Fellowship is the bonded relationship among people who share a common faith and commitment to God through Jesus Christ. The book of Hebrews details the benefits of Jesus’ life, death and resurrection for the church in chapters 8-10. The writer culminates the benefits of salvation in Christ in chapter 10 by demonstrating Jesus as both Priest and Mediator of the New Covenant has “opened the way” to a relationship with God. As a result of Christ’s sacrifice every believer in Him can approach God with “confidence” knowing s/he will be accepted by God. Such access and acceptance inspires love in the lives of believers. Therefore, if we are rooted in faith we are “rooted in fellowship.” Although the pandemic has altered the physical way we worship, we understand we must not neglect church attendance and are open to new possibilities for fellowship in the virtual space. We needed a sanctuary that embraces all the people – such as the virtual space

**Sermon Points**

The writer uses the “Let Us” reframe to show us: We come to church to be reminded we are children of God

- **Let us** Approach in faith
  - Let us approach God with the full assurance of faith
    - Let the redeemed of the Lord say so...
    - Whoever comes to me I will in no wise cast out
- **Let us** hold fast to hope
  - Thinking of all we’ve been through God has been with us
  - Greater is he that is within us...
- **Let us** provoke one another to Love
  - We should out-do for one another doing for each other
    - Story of Jasper Williams paying for dinner
    - We should recognize Jesus has already paid our bill so we should show love to each other

**Questions**

1. What comes to mind when you think about coming into the house of God?
2. How has the virtual space enhanced your concept of the house of God?
3. What are your expectations when coming to the house of God?
4. Have you had hinderances or apprehension about worshipping God in church?
5. How has your relationship with church members shaped your worship experience?
6. What are some ways that you can “provoke” others to do loving acts?