



Cuyahoga  
Valley Church

# SERMON STUDY GUIDE

Week of 11.10.24

Hebrews 6:13-20 // Joe Valenti

Please take the opportunity to revisit the CVC Equip  
Portrait of a Healthy LifeGroup on a regular basis

## CONNECT (10 MIN)

- ① In the sermon on Sunday, Pastor Joe talked about how in today's world, we can get used to "immediate gratification" and we don't often have to practice patience. He gave a recent personal example of seeing a shirt online, wanting it, ordering it, and having it in his hands the next day.

What's a recent example in your life of "immediate gratification," where you wanted something and you were able to acquire it quickly?

What's a recent example in your life where you had to practice patience? Was this easy for you to do, or difficult? Why?

## EXPLORE (30 MIN)

**Create Context (5 min):** You can watch the [sermon recap video here](#).

### Study & Discussion (25 min)

**Read Hebrews 6:13-20 out loud together as a group.**

- ② In the sermon on Sunday, Joe drew out 4 main points from the text, teaching us that in our passage for the week we can find:

1. The Encouragement of a Pastor Who Cares (vv. 11-12)
2. The Patience of a Man Who Believes (v. 15)
3. The Oath of a Promise-Keeping God (vv. 13-14; 16-18)
4. The Sure Anchor of those seeking full assurance (vv. 19-20)

- Which of these main points especially stood out to you, and why?
- What is a truth you learned from the text or from the sermon on Sunday that you can share this week with someone in your life outside of your LifeGroup to encourage, exhort, or challenge them?



- ③ Read Matthew 7:13-14. In the sermon on Sunday, Joe talked about two “ditches” on either side of the narrow road that leads to life. He called these the “do more try harder” ditch and the “let go and let God” ditch. He also stated that the author of Hebrews “is trying to carve out this middle ground for us” where we are walking in faithfulness and good works, AND trusting in God at the same time.
- Left to your own devices, which of these “ditches” do you think you tend to fall into the most, and why? Give examples of things you tend to do (or not do) that push you into either ditch.
  - Practically, how can you faithfully walk the narrow road between these two “ditches?” What does that actually look like in your life? Give examples of ways to combat your tendencies to fall, so that you can walk this narrow road.
- ④ Read Hebrews 6:13-14. Abraham was imperfect in his patient waiting on the Lord. The Lord was perfect in His promise-keeping. Joe said on Sunday that “Abraham is an example of a man whose God always keeps His promises.” This is a recurring theme throughout the Bible and life!
- What other examples from Scripture come to mind of God giving grace to people who sometimes had trouble waiting patiently for His promises?
  - How and when/where has the Lord has been faithful to you despite your imperfect response to Him? Take some time in your group to share stories of God's goodness, and give Him praise.
- ⑤ Read Philippians 2:12-13 and Hebrews 13:20-21.
- What do these passages tell us about the balance of doing good works, and trusting in the God who is at work within us, shaping us more and more into His image?
  - How would you explain these ideas to a new believer, someone you were discipling in the beginning of their walk with Christ?

## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- Knowing the Bible: Hebrews - <https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/course/knowning-bible-hebrews/>
- TGC Course:Introduction to Hebrews - <https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/course/hebrews-introduction/>



## PRAY AND APPLY

Take some time to pray over the following prayer targets, in your whole LifeGroup or in smaller groups of 3-4:

1. Pray for Deeper Trust in God's Faithfulness.

Ask God to help us grow in faith, trusting in His promises even in seasons of waiting or uncertainty. Pray for the courage to believe that God's word and His oath are unbreakable anchors for our souls, keeping us secure through every trial and enabling us to persevere.

2. Pray for Faithfulness on the Narrow Road.

Ask God to help us avoid the two "ditches" of self-reliance and passivity. Pray that we would embrace the biblical path that Hebrews lays out, fully trusting in God's sovereignty and strength while also committing to actively pursue obedience and growth in faith. May we rely on the Holy Spirit to work through us as we do what God commands, staying centered on His purpose for our lives.

3. Pray for Patience in God's Timing.

Ask God to cultivate a patient heart in us, like Abraham, to wait on Him with faith—even when answers seem delayed. Pray for the many in our congregation who are suffering—that they might be given supernatural patience to endure without losing hope. Pray for increased faith that clings to God's promises in every season of life.

4. Pray for Confidence in Our Heavenly Anchor.

Pray for a clear and confident hope in Jesus, who is our steadfast anchor. Ask that we would grow in our understanding of Jesus' role as our Great High Priest, who has gone before us and secures our hope in heaven, giving us the courage to hold fast to our faith.

5. Pray for a Passion to Invite Others to Meet Our Promise-Keeping God.

Ask God to ignite a deep desire within CVC to share the hope and assurance we have in Him. Pray that we would be bold in inviting others to experience the steadfast love and unbreakable promises of our faithful God. May we be sensitive to opportunities to share the gospel, reaching out to friends, family, and neighbors with the message of a God who holds us fast, never faltering in His love or promises.



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# EQUIP ANNOUNCEMENTS

Week of 11.10.24

Please take a moment to share these announcements with your group.

More information on each item can be found by scanning the QR codes.

## CVC MISSIONS

### **GOvember: November 17**

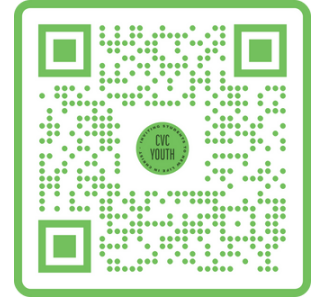
We're excited to share about the missions trips that took place in 2024 and we're looking forward to sharing more about the mission trip opportunities in 2025! Find out more and let us know you're interested [HERE!](#)



## CVC YOUTH

### **Bowling Night: December 8: 6-8pm**

We'll have a great time bowling, enjoying snacks, and hanging out with friends. This is a fantastic opportunity to connect and have some fun before the holiday season kicks into full gear! Please meet at Northwoods Lanes In Macedonia (10435 Valley View Rd Macedonia).



## MEMORY VERSE

### **Hebrews 4:16**

“Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.”