

SERMON GUIDE

THE ANCHOR OF THE SOUL

Hebrews 6:13-20 | Pastor Larry Szyman

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Conversation Questions

The Conversation Guide is a great tool for individuals, families, discipleship groups and Missional Communities to take a deeper, more personal dive into the content of the current sermon series. The Conversation Guide will be posted by every Monday on the 'live' page of our website and in our weekly newsletter. We encourage you to use it this week on your own, around your dinner tables, over coffee with your friends or in your faith groups!

The Conversation Guide is built on the SOAP model, which is a tool you can use when reading the Bible. SOAP helps you be intentional about paying attention to:

- S**cripture that stands out to you while you read
- O**bservations you are making about a passage
- A**pplications that connect the verses to your real life and relationships
- P**rayer that invites God to participate in all that you do

Getting to Know Me: Think of a time in your life when you've had to wait for something you knew was coming. What were you waiting for and what was it like to have to wait?

Note About the Passage: The promise God made to Abraham was to have a child who would become a nation set apart for God. The original story of the promise to Abraham and Sarah can be found in portions of Genesis 12, 15, 17, and 20. The "inner place behind the curtain" refers to a special section of the Jewish temple where atonement for sin was made by Jewish priests for Israel. Hebrews 9:1-12 can give this passage a little more context.

Read Hebrews 6:13-20

S: What verses, phrases, words, or feelings stand out to you as you read this text? Is anything "illuminated," surprising, or jumping off the page and affecting your spirit?

O: What do you think it looked like for Abraham to patiently wait for the promise? What challenges might he have faced as he waited?

O: What do you think it means that "since [God] had no one greater by whom to swear, he swore by himself...?"

O: What are the two "unchangeable things" by which we might have strong encouragement to hold fast to our hope?

O: Are you able to tell from this passage what we have as a "sure and steadfast anchor of the soul"?

A: If God had written this passage just for you, what words, phrases or ideas would he have underlined specifically for you? What did you need to hear most? Why?

A: Are there any promises of God that you are finding difficult to wait for? How can this passage encourage you?

A: Are there any places in your life where you are struggling to hold fast to the hope God gives? How can this passage encourage you?

P: Talk to God about your application responses above. Ask him to speak to you, help you, forgive you, and provide direction that you need.