SERMON APPLICATION GUIDE

Hebrews 10:23-25

Ice Breaker: What is one thing you remember from your first day at Castleton (or from

Launch Day)?

Ice Breaker: How has someone at Castleton blessed you or your family?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- 1. **Read Hebrews 10:23-25:** What is the over all theme of the book of Hebrews? Who is the writer of Hebrews addressing? What is the immediate context of Hebrew about?
- 2. What reasons does Hebrews 10 say that we should "not neglect meeting together"? How are the reasons attached to our walk with Christ? How might "hold fast to the confession" be linked with our gathering together?
- 3. How does the "Day drawing near" influence our need for "gathering together"? How specifically might you encourage one another in light of the day that is to come?
- 4. What does the writer of Hebrews mean when he says, "Stir up one another to love and good works"? How does this work itself out in the life of a church? What things would you expect to see if a church is doing **well** at this? What might you see if they are doing **poor** at this?
- 5. Do you agree with this statement?: Attending church is essential for the health of my walk with Jesus? Why or why not?
- 6. In what ways have you seen or experienced the "means of grace" that Jesus gives within the church? What specifically feeds your soul at church? Would you miss it if it was taken away (or did you miss it during COVID19)?
- 7. What is a "providential hindrance"? What types of situations fall into this category? Why is this category helpful as we consider God's command to attend church?
- 8. What are common situations that should **not** be consider "providential hindrance"? Why is the human heart so tempted to skip fellowship with other believers?
- 9. How should we view the livestream that church offers each Sunday? How can we balance the "good" and "bad" of offering it?