

TRIBES OF ISRAEL

Imagine you are a reporter covering the battle between Jabin’s army and the Israelites. You have two assignments.

ASSIGNMENT #1

Interview the tribes that didn’t show up for the battle. Write out a first-person response to these questions. Use your student text (pages 59–62) and Judges 5 for information. (Your tribe is _____.)

- How did you feel when you heard the call to arms?

- What was the response of your tribe?

- Why did you cocoon instead of connect with your larger community?

- Why do you think Deborah rebuked you for not helping win the victory?



**ENCOURAGEMENT
PRINCIPLE #4**

*We revive village life
when we are responsible
for one another.*

PRAYING HEBREWS 10:19–25

PRAYER RESPONSE

Assign a passage and instructions to five women. Ask each woman to read aloud her passage and pray according to the instruction. After the assigned woman prays, wait a moment to allow others to pray in a similar fashion.

- Read Hebrews 10:19–22. Pray a sentence prayer committing yourself and the group members to “come near to God” this week.
- Read Hebrews 10:23. Pray a sentence prayer thanking God for one aspect of your salvation.
- Read Hebrews 10:24–25. Pray a sentence prayer committing yourself and the group to connect with the family of God this week.
- Read Hebrews 10:24 again. Pray a sentence prayer committing yourself to one specific act of compassion this week.
- Read Hebrews 10:25 again. Pray a sentence prayer asking God to reveal opportunities to encourage others this week.

Close the prayer time.

ASSIGNMENT FOR NEXT WEEK

- Watch Chapter 4 Encouragement Stories video at www.treasuresofencouragement.org
- Read and complete Chapter 5 and the Staying Focused questions, making notes of scriptures and statements in your journal that grab your attention.
- Use the following to write a summary of this lesson:
 - Write a summary statement of Chapter 5.
 - List a few things from the chapter that were helpful to you.
 - How did this chapter change or inform your thinking about encouragement?
 - Write a prayer based on some of the scriptures in this chapter.
 - How would you like for others to pray for you as you seek to apply the scriptures in this chapter to your life?

- Call/text your prayer partner at least once this week to check on prayer needs and review memory work. Personalize the Praying Scripture and record in your journal.
- Review Hebrews 10:19–21 at least once a day.
- Complete your group activity assignment.
- Ask God to remind you of the commitments you made in response to Hebrews 10. Review your “Village Handout” and ask the Lord where He wants you to be intentional in connecting and encouraging.
- Bonus: Listen to the recommended Chapter 4 Help & Hope podcasts at www.treasuresofencouragement.org.
 - *The Thorn of Autism—A Conversation with Lori Sealy*
 - *Helping Your Teens with Same Sex Attraction—A Conversation with Cooper Pinson*



PRAYING SCRIPTURE

Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold unwaveringly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

HEBREWS 10:19-25 (NIV)

