

DIGDEEPER

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We Will Not Quit by Dr. Richard Rogers

Hebrews 10:23-25 ([Listen Online](#))

THE BIG IDEA

If we want to be a church of people who live outward focused lives, we must commit to drawing near to God, holding on to our purpose, and considering how to move others forward in their faith.

START A CONVERSATION (Use this to begin a Conversation that Matters with your kids, co-workers, spouse, or someone in line at the grocery store. Then, [tell us about it.](#))

- Why do you think people stop going to church?

SOME THINGS TO THINK ABOUT

- What does it look like for you to “draw near” to God?
- At times, our own sin can distance us from our relationship with God and by extension, the church. How have you experienced this distancing effect? What might you need to confess to God and/or others in order to experience nearness with God and the church?
- Have you ever gotten your feelings hurt in church? How did you deal with it?
- Have you ever hurt someone in church? Looking back, how would you have handled it differently?
- Name the people in your life whose love seems to be contagious. How should this impact you?
- What are some of the biggest hopes you have for your life? What are some of the primary things Christians hope for?
- In what ways am I helping move others forward in their faith?
- In what ways am I celebrating the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus with other people in my life?

GO DEEPER

- John Bloom discusses how to draw near to God and [become a human infusion of hope](#) by soaking up God’s word, living by the Spirit, and speaking words of encouragement.
- Set aside time to meet with God today. Take a look at these [devotionals, books, and other resources](#) that may help as you pursue time alone with God.
- Listen to [this video](#) as you go about your week. Consider what you believe and how that should influence your interaction with God and the church.

LIVE IN LOVE THIS WEEK

Take some time this week to think about who in your life could use some encouragement. In what ways could you help move them forward in your faith through love and good deeds?