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2. What does this mean for our lives? In 10:19-25, what five things are we told in 10:19-25 to do as members of the new covenant? How do these relate to faith, hope and love?
3. In the new covenant our sins are paid for by Jesus' sacrifice. This gives us confidence to enter God's presence—but what does it have to do with meeting together and encouraging one another (v. 25)? How does the passage tie these together? (Hint: see 10:26-27.)
4. Because "we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus," Hebrews tells us, we should think about how to "provoke" one another to love and good deeds (10:24). (Other translations use "spur", "encourage" or "stimulate".) What do other believers do which most motivate you to "love and good deeds"?

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