

week 12  
**A Greater Promise**  
*Hebrews 6:13-20*

**Total Time: 60 minutes (flexible)**

## opening prayer

**Leader Prompt (Optional):** Tonight is about assurance. Not wishful thinking, but confidence rooted in who God is. Hebrews shows us that God didn't just make a promise—He guaranteed it. And that changes how we live, how we endure, and where we run when life shakes.

**Prayer:** "Father, anchor us tonight. When life feels unstable, remind us that You are not. Help us see Jesus clearly as our refuge and hold fast to Him. In His name, Amen."

## highlights & connection

**Purpose:** Surface where people run when life shakes

### opening reflection

- When life gets overwhelming or unstable, where do you naturally go first?
- Why do people tend to run to things that don't actually hold them?
- Have you ever realized something you trusted wasn't strong enough when you needed it most?

**Bridge Statement:** Hebrews 6 speaks into that exact reality. Everyone runs somewhere. The question isn't if you run—it's where you run. God has given us a place that actually holds.

**Key Reminder:** You don't need more options—you need something unshakable.

## scripture focus

Read Aloud: Hebrews 6:13–20  
*(slowly, with emphasis on promise, oath, refuge, anchor)*

### Context (Leader Summary)

God made a promise to Abraham:

- To bless him
- To multiply his descendants
- Ultimately pointing to the Messiah

Then God did something remarkable:

- He confirmed it with an oath
- Binding Himself to His own promise

Why? So that His people would have **absolute assurance**.

**Insight:** Promise + Oath = Unshakable confidence

## main discussion focus

*Leaders: keep this invitational, not heavy. This is recalibration, not rebuke.*

### Key Truth # 1 - God's Promise Is Backed by His Character

"It is impossible for God to lie."

#### Discuss

- Why is it significant that God swore by Himself?
- How is God's promise different from human promises?
- What would change if you truly believed God cannot fail?

**Key Insight:** Our assurance is not based on our consistency—but on God's

# Jesus Everything

## Key Truth # 2 - Jesus Is the Fulfillment of the Promise

Everything God promised is fulfilled in Christ.

### Discuss

- Why were people on Palm Sunday expecting something different?
- How does seeing Jesus as King and High Priest deepen your faith?
- What happens when we reduce Jesus to only one role?

**Key Insight:** God is always doing more than we initially understand

## Key Truth # 3 - Assurance Leads to Action

“We who have fled for refuge...”

### Discuss

- Why does Hebrews use strong language like flee and run?
- What does it mean to actively “hold fast”?
- What’s the difference between believing in Jesus and running to Him?

**Key Insight:** Assurance isn’t passive—it moves you toward Jesus.

## renewal - running to the right place

### Part A- Identify Where You Run

The message made it clear: everyone runs somewhere.

#### Discuss honestly:

Where do you tend to run when:

- You feel overwhelmed?
- You feel guilty or ashamed?
- You feel uncertain about the future?

#### Examples:

- Control
- Distraction
- People
- Comfort
- Numbing behaviors

**Key Clarifier:** Running isn’t the problem. Running to the wrong place is.

### Part B - Jesus as Refuge, Hope, and Anchor

#### 1. Jesus Is Your Refuge

You don’t clean yourself up—you run as you are.

##### Discuss:

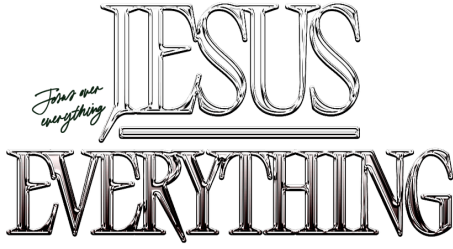
- Where have you placed hope in something temporary?
- How does Jesus reshape your view of the future?

#### 2. Jesus Is Your Hope

Hope is not a feeling—it’s a person.

##### Discuss:

- Where have you placed hope in something temporary?
- How does Jesus reshape your view of the future?



### 3. Jesus Is Your Anchor

Anchors hold you steady in storms.

#### Discuss:

- Where do you feel unstable right now?
- What would it look like to be “anchored” in Christ this week?

**Key Insight:** You may not feel steady—but if you’re anchored, you are held

## missional living - run and hold fast

This week is about intentional response.

#### Each person answers:

- Where do I need to run to Jesus instead of something else?
- What does “holding fast” look like in my daily life this week?
- What is one step I will take to anchor myself in Christ?

#### Next Week Follow-Up:

- Where did you intentionally run to Jesus?
- What shifted in your thinking or response?

**Key Line:** You don’t hold fast to earn God’s promise—you hold fast because He guaranteed it.

## prayer: anchor prayer

#### Pray in three movements:

1. **Honest Prayer:** “Lord, here is where I’ve been running...”
2. **Refuge Prayer** – “Help me run to You instead of everything else.”
3. **Anchor Prayer** - “Hold me steady when life feels unstable.”

## final takeaways - carry this week

- God’s promise is guaranteed by His oath
- Your assurance is rooted in God’s character
- Jesus is your refuge—not your performance
- Jesus is your hope—not your circumstances
- Jesus is your anchor—even when you don’t feel steady
- Run to Him and hold fast

## memory verse

“We have this as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul...”  
Hebrews 6:19 (ESV)

## discipleship journey connection

This week is about: Assurance Formation

#### Encourage:

- Running to Jesus in moments of stress or temptation
- Replacing false refuges with Christ
- Meditating on God’s promises
- Practicing daily surrender and trust