



# Sermon Growth Guide

**January 12, 2025**

**God's Mission Has a Church - Take Up The Cause**

**Hebrews 10:32-39**

**Key Verse:** Hebrews 10:39

But we do not belong to those who shrink back and are destroyed but to those who have faith and are saved.

**Big Idea:** God has a church for his mission in the world.

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## Foundations

God is at work in this world. God has a mission to save, restore and redeem all of lost creation. What we need to do is figure out what God is doing and try to be a part of it. We talk about the mission of the church but it is more important to remember, it isn't so much that God has a mission for the church as it is that God has made a church for His mission. God doesn't exist to serve our mission; the church exists to serve the mission of God. God's Mission Has a Church.

God is not done writing the story. Hang in there. God is at work in good and ill. We like to think that God is enlisted in our story. We have a great plan, God, so please get on board! Christopher Wright wrote, "It is not so much the case that God has a mission for his church in the world, as that God has a church for his mission in the world. Mission was not made for the church; the church was made for mission - God's mission." Our hope is to be fully in God's hands as an instrument for His mission to save a lost and fallen world. Do not lose hope. Do not shrink back. Have faith. God is on the case.

As we begin this new series, ask God to help us as a church body to understand what it means to be God's people on God's mission here in Colorado Springs. Pray deeply for the needs in your Life Group.

## Understanding God's Word

Together, Hebrews 10:32-39.

What do you think "the light" is in verse 32?

According to verse 33, what was it like to be a first century Christian?

Looking at verse 37, what is one of the greatest promises of the Christian faith?

## Applying God's Word

God has a church for his mission in the world.

How may you grow as an ambassador for Christ in your daily life?

## Witnessing God's Word

To witness to God's mission, we must understand God's mission.

This week let's take time for two of three of us to articulate the gospel message and God's mission to one another. Take 3 - 5 minutes each and encourage one another that the gospel movement of Jesus is taking root in our hearts!