



October 2007 Devotion
Building Ten Churches in India
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Reader 1: Today you may need a pencil or pen as we examine words from the book of Hebrews. Please identify a partner for discussion because in pairs we will consider how these words apply to us and to our brothers and sisters of the India Evangelical Lutheran Church.

May our Lord guide our hearts and minds as we give attention to the important message in His Word. Amen.

Reader 2: We begin:

ALL: Hebrews 10:22 says: “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.”

Reader 1: Where were you baptized? What is the location of the place you now “draw near to God?” You will have 3 minutes before we begin again. Write your response here:

(After 3 minutes)

Reader 2: We go on:

ALL: “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.” These words are found in Hebrews 10: 24-25.

Reader 1: Consider that LCMS World Mission and IELC have identified 10 sites in India to accommodate churches and reach out to Christians and new believers! Consider your baptism. How do you think Indian believers will be encouraged in their faith and in the “sacred spaces” set aside for them? How has your faith encouraged you to good deeds within your church? You will have 4 minutes. Write your response here:

(After 4 minutes)

Reader 2: We continue:

Reader 1: We give thanks to You, Lord, for churches where we assemble as one family and all are welcome to worship, learn, pray, and discover Your plan of salvation.

Reader 2: And to conclude, together we draw near to God to pray for our family in India:

ALL: Lord, together we ask Your rich blessing for ten new churches in India, that our brothers and sisters there might both be encouraged and encourage one another with the Good News – until the Day. In your name we pray. Amen!