



Small Group Homework for week of October 4th

Hold Fast Your Profession of Faith
Pastor Elaine Hollmer

Conversation starters.....

- ⇒ This is Encounter Week at WIC! Have you been to the Encounter? Let's start off our group today by reminiscing what God did for you at the Encounter retreat. Can you share a brief testimony to get things started?

- ⇒ Maybe take a moment and pray for those that are participating this time.
- ⇒ Pastor Elaine Hollmer's message this week is on the confession of our faith and the use of our mouth. Have you ever said something you wish you hadn't? How hard is it to take back something negative that you said? Can you think of an example?

- ⇒ On the other hand, you have probably never had to "take back" something you said that was positive! Why is it so difficult to break the habit of negative talk and get over into the positive realm?

Into the Bible...

- ⇒ **Hebrews 4: 14** says this *"Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession."* Our confession, or profession as it says in other translations simply means what we SAY. There is nothing more powerful to say than Word of God. Read **Hebrews 4:12** and discuss the superiority of God's Words over our words.

- ⇒ The next scriptures, **verses 15 and 16** offer a solution to help us control our tongue. We need His help! We pray for many things, but do you pray for God to help us with our confession? Can you set a goal to begin to speak the Word of God, even in your own private time for your own edification?

- ⇒ One more passage on this topic is **Hebrews 10:21-25**. This shows us how keeping a Word-filled confession can help us in our everyday walk and can help us to exhort and encourage one another. Because it's not just about OUR faith, but the faith of others as well. Let's finish up our discussion on how to encourage others in their faith without being condemning or condescending.

