

BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP STUDY QUESTIONS

In preparation for Sunday, January 22, 2006

Passage: Hebrews 6:9-12

Memory Passage: Galatians 6:10

TODAY: From your study this past week, what is one thing that impressed you that can be of help in your life?

DAY 1 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Hebrews 6:9.** What does the writer believe about the people he is writing to? Why does he have this confidence (consider verse 10)?
- (b) Is the writer speaking to them about losing their salvation or “things that accompany salvation?” What is the difference?
- (c) Do believers struggle and pull back from serving the Lord with a whole heart? What does the writer say about the falling back of believers in Hebrews 10:35-39? How is our “shrinking back different from that of non-believers?
- (d) How does God respond to those who do “shrink back?” What are some things that “please” God (see Hebrews 13:15-17)?
- (e) What is Paul confident about in Philippians 1:6-7? Why does he have this confidence – because of the Philippians faith and efforts or because of something else? Also read 1 Peter 1:3-5. Why was Peter so confident about salvation for believers?
- (f) *Family:* Read Hebrews 6:9 and 1 Peter 1:3-5. Talk about why people can be confident of their salvation. Is it because of things we have done? What makes our salvation secure? Talk together about what happens when believers do not live pleasing to God. Pray for each other, that everything we do would please the Lord this week.

DAY 2 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Hebrews 6:9-10.** What are some things that “accompany salvation?” What kinds of things was the writer talking about in Hebrews 6:7?
- (b) How is our work and love for the saints “fruit” that pleases God? Does every believer bear *the same amount* of fruit (Matthew 13:22-23)? Why don’t some bear much fruit?
- (c) Look at 1 Corinthians 3:11-15. What is the *one and only* foundation required for salvation? Does every believer “build” on that foundation in the same way and with the same materials? What lesson is Paul teaching us?
- (d) What will happen with all that we have done for the Lord? What will each man receive – salvation or something else? What happens if a person has no lasting works for the Lord? Does he lose his salvation? Explain this.
- (e) Does God give us rewards (in addition to salvation) for what we do in this life? Is it possible to lose those rewards? Consider 2 Corinthians 5:10; Colossians 3:24; 2 John 8; and Revelation 22:12.
- (f) *Family:* Read Hebrews 6:9-10 and 1 Corinthians 3:11-15. Discuss the value of Christian service. Does God reward us for what we do? Isn’t salvation enough? Why does God reward us? What will happen if we do not serve the Lord? Pray that each of you might desire to please the Lord by serving Him with all your heart.

DAY 3 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Hebrews 6:10.** Have you ever done something for God that no one knew about? What does this verse promise us?
- (b) What were some of the specific things that they did for the saints according to Hebrews 10:34?
- (c) Which is more important: love for other believers or service (work) for them? What does this passage indicate?
- (d) Read 1 John 3:16-19. How do we know what love really is? How should this affect the way we “love” one another? How does our love for each other affect our assurance of salvation (verse 19)?
- (e) What spiritual principle does Paul set forth in Galatians 6:7-9? What conclusion does he draw that ought to guide how we conduct our lives (verse 10)?
- (f) *Family:* Read Hebrews 6:10 and 1 John 3:16-19. Talk about how we show our love for God and our love for others. How did God show His love for us? How are you ministering to the saints? Will God forget anything you do for Him? Ask God to show you how you can minister His love to someone this week.

DAY 4 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Hebrews 6:11-12.** How does serving the Lord help to give us the “full assurance” of our salvation?
- (b) Read 2 Peter 1:5-11. When do election and calling take place (hint: Ephesians 1:4)? How can we become *more sure* about our salvation?
- (c) Compare this to Hebrews 6:11-12. What is the connection between assurance and Christian growth and service?
- (d) What two things does the writer tell us to do to have this full assurance (verse 9 and verse 10)? What will keep us from having this full assurance? What conclusion did Paul reach in 1 Corinthians 15:58?
- (e) *Family:* Read Hebrews 6:11-12 and 1 Corinthians 15:58. Discuss assurance of salvation. What are some reasons that a person can be sure that salvation can never be lost? What are some things that make people doubt their salvation? Why does serving the Lord give us confidence about our salvation? Pray for someone who needs to know the Lord as savior.

DAY 5 – ASK FOR INSIGHT**READ THE PASSAGE**

- (a) **Read Hebrews 6:12.** Does this verse indicate that it is possible for some to not receive all that God promises? Explain.
- (b) What do 2 John 8 and Matthew 10:42 tell us about the possibility of losing rewards?
- (c) Who does the writer tell us to imitate? What were the central characteristics of their lives? Read through Hebrews 11. Were any of these sinless? Are we to imitate everything in their lives (3 John 11)?
- (d) What did Paul tell believers in 1 Corinthians 4:16; 1 Corinthians 11:1; 1 Thessalonians 1:6 and 2:14? Why is it helpful to have human examples? What is the one caution that Paul often includes (e.g. 1 Corinthians 11:1)? Why is this essential?
- (e) Read Romans 12:10-13. Make a list of the ways we are to display our love for one another in the Body of Christ. Which do you need to improve on in your life and ministry?
- (f) *Family:* Read Hebrews 6:11-12 and 1 Corinthians 11:1. Talk about the value of seeing the example of other believer's lives. Who in the Bible would you most like to imitate? Why? Think about one Christian alive today that has been an example to you in some way. Spend time thanking God for their example and pray that you too might be an example for others to follow.

DAY 6 – ASK FOR INSIGHT**READ THE PASSAGE**

Think back through what you have learned each day this week. Read Hebrews 6:9-12. What will a person lose if he doesn't continue to live for the Lord? Is it worth it to serve the Lord? What does God promise to do for all who do serve Him? Will He keep that promise? What would God be if He did not? Pray for the teaching of God's Word tomorrow.

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Imitating the Faithful
“imitate those who ... inherit the promises.”