

BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP STUDY QUESTIONS

In preparation for Sunday, March 12, 2006

Passage: Hebrews 10:26-31

Memory Passage: 2 Corinthians 5:10 **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 10:26-27.** Who is the writer speaking about in Hebrews 10:19-25— believers or non-believers? Who does “we” refer to in verse 26?

(b) Compare Hebrews 10:29 with Hebrews 6:4-6. What phrases are found in both passages?

(c) What does it mean to “sin willfully?” Can a Christian “sin willfully?” *When* does this passage say this person sins willfully?

(d) What does James 4:17 tell you? Consider the context (James 4:13-17) – is this speaking about a believer or a non-believer? What did Paul confess was his own struggle in Romans 7:19-20?

(e) What does he mean, “there *no longer* remains a sacrifice for sins?” This exact same phrase, “no longer” (or “no more”) is also found in Hebrews 10:18. According to Hebrews 10:18, why is “there *no longer* an offering for sin?” How does this help us understand verse 26?

(f) *Family:* Read Hebrews 10:26-27 and Romans 7:19-20. Talk about sin in the believer’s life. Why does it exist? When we sin, does it affect our salvation? Why? How does sin affect a believer? Pray that each of you might be willing to deal with sin so that God might be pleased and honored by your lives.

DAY 2 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

(a) **Read Hebrews 10:26-27 again.** According to these verses, what “*expectation*” should the person who “sins willfully” have?

(b) Read 1 Corinthians 3:12-15. What “fire” is referred to in this passage? Is it hell and eternal punishment or something else?

(c) Hebrews 12:29 describes God as a “consuming fire.” This is the same phrase used in Hebrews 10:27. Read Hebrews 12:28-29 – what are these believers told to do?

(d) What *have* they received? How does this remind them of their assurance?

(e) How would these two things (the warning and the assurance) encourage these struggling believers to be faithful to God?

(f) *Family:* Read 1 Corinthians 3:12-15. Talk together about rewards that we often get in this life. Do they motivate you to do better? How should rewards in heaven motivate us to live for the Lord? Can a person get to heaven and lose all their rewards? Why will they be saved? What is the difference between salvation and rewards? Pray that you may live in such a way that God will be pleased with all you do.

DAY 3 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

(a) **Read Hebrews 10:28-31.** How seriously was rebellion against the Law of Moses treated in the old covenant? Why would rebellion against God be *more serious* in the new covenant?

(b) Will God judge believers? Read 2 Corinthians 5:10. What judgment does this refer to? Is it eternal judgment that determines salvation or is it another judgment? What will believers be judged for – just for good or also for the bad? What will be the result?

(c) Look carefully at 2 Corinthians 5:9-11. What should be our ambition in everything we do (verse 9)? How does the “fear of the Lord” motivate us as believers (verse 11)?

(d) Look at 2 Corinthians 5:10 again. The word “receive” or “recompense” is found in a number of other verses. Consider how it is used in Colossians 3:17-25 (especially verse 24). Is “the fear of the Lord” mentioned in this passage? Is “pleasing” the Lord? Is the idea of “rewards” found here?

(e) What warning is given to believers in 1 Peter 1:16-17? How does the “fear of the Lord” motivate us as believers? Summarize what you have learned about the judgment of God on the lives of believers.

(f) *Family*: Read Colossians 3:17-25. Discuss what it means to live in a manner pleasing to the Lord. What are some of the areas that we will be rewarded for according to this passage? What is the “fear of the Lord?” How does it motivate us? Ask God to show each of you one practical way that you can serve Him this week.

DAY 4 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

(a) **Read Hebrews 10:32-39.** *Who* is he speaking to in these verses – believers or non believers?

(b) In Hebrews 10:29, how is this person described? What does it mean to be “sanctified” by the blood of the covenant? Which covenant is he referring to? What does this verse tell us about who he is speaking to?

(c) In Hebrews 10:30, *who* will the Lord judge? What does this tell us about the judgment of God?

(d) What does 1 Peter 4:17-19 remind us? What two judgments are mentioned in these verses? Where does God’s judgment begin?

(e) *Family*: Read 1 Peter 4:17-19. Talk about the judgments of God. What is the difference between His judgment on believers and His judgment on non-believers? How should the judgment of God motivate us to live?

DAY 5 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

(a) **Read 1 Corinthians 10:1-13.** Was God pleased with the people of Israel in the wilderness? What did God do to those who disobeyed Him in the wilderness?

(b) What warning does Paul give for believers today (vv. 6-10)? What are the three categories of sins that he mentions?

(c) What warning does he give in verses 11-12? Is this for believers or non-believers? What direction does he give us for handling temptation in verse 13?

(d) Read 1 Corinthians 11:27-32. How did God judge His people in these verses? What is the difference between God’s judgment on believers and non-believers (verses 31-32)?

(e) *Family*: Read 1 Corinthians 10:1-13. Discuss the disobedience of the Israelites in the wilderness. What kinds of sins did they commit? How did God judge them? How can we face temptation and defeat it? Pray that each of you might be able to stand against temptation this week.

DAY 6 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

Think back through what you have learned each day this week. Read Hebrews 10:26-31. What does it mean to “sin willfully?” Is this something that Christians can do? How does God deal with the persistent sins of believers? What does this passage tell us about God’s judgment on believers? Pray for your church services tomorrow that God’s Word might convict believers of sins and draw non-believers to come to Christ for salvation.