

BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP STUDY QUESTIONS

In preparation for Sunday, March 5, 2006

Passage: Hebrews 10:19-26

Memory Passage: Hebrews 10:24-25 **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 10:19-22.** *Who* is the writer speaking to in these verses—to believers or non-believers? How can you tell?

(b) What does he say that we now have? How did we gain this? *How* are we told to come into this Holiest place (compare Hebrews 4:14-16)? What does this mean (consult a Bible dictionary or Word Study book)?

(c) What grants us this kind of access to God the Father (also Romans 8:31-34)? What does Paul say about this access in Ephesians 3:12 and Ephesians 2:18?

(d) How does this access affect our relationship to other believers (Ephesians 2:11-22)? How is this emphasis similar to one in Hebrews 10:24-25? What then is the basis for our fellowship with God and for our fellowship with one another?

(e) How is this a “new and living way?” (Compare John 10:7-9; 14:6; 6:51-54). What did Jesus say about new wineskins in Luke 5:36-39? How would his conclusion in verse 39 apply to the situation of these Hebrew Christians (Hebrews 8:13)?

(f) *Family:* Read Hebrews 10:19-22 and Hebrews 4:14-16. Why was only the High Priest permitted to enter the Holy of Holies? How is our new covenant with Jesus a better covenant? Why is Jesus the only way? How would you explain this to someone based on what we have learned in Hebrews? Pray together for someone that needs to know about salvation through Jesus.

DAY 2 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

(a) **Read Hebrews 10:22-25.** In light of what Jesus has done for us, what three things are we encouraged to do (“Let us”)?

(b) What were these Christians doing that he told them to *stop* doing?

(c) Look at the first exhortation (“Let us”) in Hebrews 10:20. How does our assurance of salvation affect our ability to do this?

(d) What does the sprinkling of water and washing of our bodies refer to (Ezekiel 36:25-27; Hebrews 8:8-13; Titus 3:5)? Is this something we do to be able to enter or something that has already been done for us? Why would this matter?

(e) Read John 14:12-14; 15:7 and 16:24. What do these verses tell us about our approach to God in prayer?

(f) *Family:* Read Hebrews 10:22. Talk together about prayer. Why can we come directly to God in prayer? What is the reason that we can come in this way? Draw near to God in prayer and present some specific requests before Him together.

DAY 3 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

(a) **Read Hebrews 10:23.** The second exhortation (“Let us”) is found in this verse. What does it mean to “hold fast?” *What* are we to hold fast to – our salvation or something else? What are the churches in Revelation 2:25 and 3:3 told to do?

(b) What is a “profession?” How were some of these early Christians not holding fast their profession? What impact was that having on the other believers (Hebrews 10:25)? What impact would that have on non-believers?

(c) How does your holding fast your profession affect other believers? What is the affect when you see a fellow believer not hold fast to his profession?

(d) Read Hebrews 13:7-13. *Who* does the writer point these struggling believers to consider? What does he tell them will establish their hearts (verse 9)? What does he encourage them to do with their profession of faith (Hebrews 13:10-13)?

(e) *Why* should we hold fast? Is it our faithfulness that matters most or His? How would *His* faithfulness encourage struggling believers to hold fast to their profession? Has Jesus ever been unfaithful to you? Will he ever be?

(f) *Family*: Read Hebrews 10:23 and 13:7-13. Discuss what a “profession” is. What is the importance of a “profession?” Is it the same as salvation? Discuss the faithfulness of Jesus. How does His faithfulness to you encourage you to be faithful to Him? Pray for suffering Christians around the world that they might “hold fast to their profession” and bear a fruitful testimony for Jesus.

DAY 4 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

(a) **Read Hebrews 10:24-25**. What is the final exhortation (“Let us”)? What had some already begun to do?

(b) What does it mean to “consider one another?” Can we really encourage one another if we do not consider one another? Explain.

(c) The root of the word “provoke” means “to sharpen.” Read Proverbs 27:17. How does our gathering together help to promote this? Can this be done without some gathering together? Explain.

(d) What should we be encouraging each other toward? What are some ways that people in the fellowship have encouraged you?

(e) What is the reason we should be doing this for one another? What will happen to those who are not gathering together when Christ returns (1 John 2:28-29)? What is the danger for those who are not living for Jesus at His return? Is it the loss of salvation or something else?

(f) *Family*: Read Hebrews 10:24-25 and Psalm 122:1. Talk about the reason for going to church. What should be our attitude? Can we encourage others when we are absent? Pray that those who love the Lord will also love gathering together with His people.

DAY 5 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

(a) **Read Romans 12:1-3**. What forms the basis of our being in One Body together? Why should we have this attitude (Romans 15:1-7)?

(b) In Romans 12:4-15, what kinds of *attitudes* does he mention? Make a list of attitudes that we are to have toward each other.

(c) What specific *actions* does he mention? Make a list of these actions that we should have toward one another.

(d) Make a list of what we are called to do for one another in these passages: Galatians 5:13; Galatians 6:2; 1 Corinthians 12:26; Colossians 3:16; 1 Thessalonians 4:9, 18; Hebrews 3:13; 1 Peter 1:22; and 1 John 3:11; 4:11.

(e) *Family*: Read Romans 12:9-15 and Romans 15:1-7. What attitudes should we have when we come together to worship? How should we relate to others in the Body of Christ? Why should we accept and love one another? Pray for those in the church who are hurting and sorrowing. Ask God to show you how you can be an encouragement to them in their suffering.

DAY 6 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

Think back through what you have learned each day this week. Read Hebrews 10:19-25. How does Jesus give us new access to God? How should this affect us? Why is it important that a person hold fast to their profession? How does this provide encouragement for others in the Body of Christ? What are the reasons that we gather together to worship? Pray for believers throughout the world as they gather tomorrow that they will “consider one another ...”