

BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP STUDY QUESTIONS

In preparation for Sunday, August 20, 2006

Passage: Hebrews 13:9-14

Memory Passage: 2 Corinthians 5:20

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 13:11-12.** Where did Jesus suffer (Mark 15:20-24; John 19:17-18)?
- (b) What significance does the writer of Hebrews see in this (Leviticus 4:16-21; 16:27)?
- (c) Why did Jesus have to suffer “outside the camp” (Galatians 3:13-14; Deuteronomy 21:22-23)? What has He become for you (2 Corinthians 5:21)?
- (d) Why did Jesus die for us? Was it only for our salvation or something else also (Hebrews 13:12; Hebrews 2:11)?
- (e) What is His desire for those He redeemed (Ephesians 5:26-27)? How should this affect the way we live in the world?
- (f) *Family:* Read Hebrews 13:11-12. Talk together about the salvation that Jesus purchased for us. Why did Jesus have to suffer outside the camp? Where does sin put us in relation to God? Why did Jesus die for us? How should this affect the way we live for Him? Spend some time thanking Jesus for the salvation that He has provided for all who believe.

DAY 2 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Hebrews 13:9-10.** What are some ideas that people have about sanctification or holiness? Make a list of things that people call holiness.
- (b) What does the writer warn his readers not to become “carried away with?”
- (c) Read 1 Timothy 4:1-5. What is one of the characteristics of living in the last days? What did Paul conclude about these things (also see Titus 1:15)?
- (d) Read Colossians 2:16-20. What warning did Paul give the believers in Colossae? What did he call these things (Colossians 2:17)? How is this similar to what we have seen in Hebrews (Hebrews 8:5; 9:9; 10:1)?
- (e) What does this tell you about the true nature of holiness? What should the heart be “established with” (Hebrews 13:9)? What does this mean?
- (f) *Family:* Read Hebrews 13:9-10. Discuss holiness. What are some false ideas of being holy? Why are they not biblical? How were these Jewish believers being deceived by false doctrines and teachings? What is the basis of all Christian holiness? Pray that God would establish your hearts by His grace and that we would forsake every attempt to establish ourselves by our works.

DAY 3 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Hebrews 13:13.** What does the writer conclude that his readers (who have been saved by grace) should do? What “camp” is he referring to?
- (b) What do we all tend to do when we are ridiculed or persecuted for our faith?
- (c) What will happen to us if we follow Christ with all our hearts (Matthew 10:24-34; also Luke 9:26 and Mark 8:38)?
- (d) How did the early Christians react when this happened to them (Acts 5:41)? What did Paul remind the believers in Philippians 1:27-29?
- (e) Read 1 Peter 4:14-16. How should we respond as believers when others do not accept our message?
- (f) *Family:* Read Hebrews 13:13 and Matthew 10:24-25. What is the hardest thing about sharing your faith? Do you think these early Christians had a difficult time trying to share their faith? Read Hebrews 10:32-34 and tell what was happening to those Christians. What might happen to you if you share your faith? Pray that you will have the boldness to share with those who do not know Jesus as their savior.

DAY 4 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Hebrews 13:14.** What motivated these believers to share their faith even though they knew they would be persecuted?
- (b) Why would they be willing to give up all that they have now (Matthew 5:10-12; Hebrews 11:16; Hebrews 10:34-35)?
- (c) Read 2 Corinthians 5:1-9. What was Paul’s confidence? How does such a confidence encourage believers to live for Christ in every situation?
- (d) What was Paul’s one desire (2 Corinthians 5:9)? How has this been a theme in Hebrews (Hebrews 13:21)?
- (e) What motivated Paul in evangelism (2 Corinthians 5:10-12)?
- (f) *Family:* Read Hebrews 13:14 and Matthew 5:10-12. Discuss what you have learned in Hebrews about rewards. How does a biblical understanding of rewards motivate believers to live for Christ in difficult situations? Pray for a Christian you know who is going through a difficulty. Pray that they will be encouraged by God’s presence and by God’s Word. Write them a note of encouragement with a promise from God’s Word.

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

- (a) **Read 2 Corinthians 5:14-21.** What is the primary motivation for telling others about Christ (verse 14)?
- (b) What conclusion does Paul make about what Jesus did (verse 14)? How should this motivate us to share with people everywhere?
- (c) How should the death of Christ affect us as believers (verse 15-17)? Are you living for yourself or for Christ?
- (d) What has God given to us (2 Corinthians 5:19)? Whose responsibility is evangelism?
- (e) To what does Paul liken our responsibility in evangelism (2 Corinthians 5:20)? What does this person do in a foreign land? How are we in a foreign land spiritually (Philippians 3:20; 1 Peter 2:11-12)?
- (f) *Family:* Read 2 Corinthians 5:14-21. What motivated Paul to share the gospel? How should this motivate us also? What is an ambassador? What are some ways that you can share with others as a family? What are some ways you can be a better “ambassador” for Christ? Pray that you can make your home a place where Christ is shared with others.

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

Think back through what you have learned each day this week. Read **Hebrews 13:12-14.** What is the significance of Jesus suffering “outside the camp?” Why did Jesus die for us—only for salvation or also for something else? What is the real nature of holiness? How does our holiness affect our sharing of the gospel? How do rewards motivate us to share? Pray for worship services tomorrow, that believers might be encouraged to please God in all things.

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Let Us Go Forth

“Therefore let us go forth unto Him outside the camp bearing His reproach...”