

## BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP STUDY QUESTIONS

In preparation for Sunday, September 18, 2005

Passage: Hebrews 1:1-4

Memory Passage: Hebrews 13:20-21

**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 13:20-22.** What is the theme or purpose of this book (especially vs. 21; also 6:1; 12:1)
- (b) Is this something we accomplish in our own strength (13:20)?
- (c) Is this something accomplished by God *apart from* any efforts on our part? What do the following passages tell us – Hebrews 2:1-2; 3:7-13; 4:15-16; 5:14; 6:1; 6:12; 10:22-24; 12:1; and 13:15? Take time to examine each passage – what is common in each?
- (d) Read Philippians 2:11-12. How does this passage relate to these teachings?
- (e) What role does hearing the Word play in this (5:13-14; 13:22; Psalm 119:9-11)?
- (f) *Family:* Read Hebrews 13:20-22. What has God done for us? What does He desire to do in us? Talk together about what it means to be “well pleasing in His sight.” How does the Word of God help us to grow in spiritual maturity? Pray each person would please the Lord in every thought and action this week.

### DAY 2 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

### READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) *Let's overview Hebrews.* **Read Hebrews 1:4-14.** What is Jesus compared to in this section? How is he superior to them?
- (b) Who is Jesus compared to in Hebrews 3:1-6? Why would this be important to Jewish believers? Why is Jesus considered “more worthy” (3:3)?
- (c) Who is Jesus compared to in Hebrews 4:14-16. What are some of the reasons that the writer considers Jesus to be a greater High Priest?
- (d) Also read Hebrews 5:1-6. What are some additional reasons for the superiority of Jesus over all other high priests? In Hebrews 7:22-25, what is another reason for the superiority of Christ's priesthood?
- (e) Why is the new covenant through Christ better (Hebrews 8:6)? How has God dealt with our sins in this new covenant (Hebrews 8:13; 10:14)? What confidence should all this give us (Hebrews 10:22-23)?
- (f) How should this affect the way we live (Hebrews 10:35-39; 12:28; 13:15-16)?
- (g) *Family:* Read Hebrews 10:11-14. Discuss the superiority of Jesus and the new covenant. How is the new covenant better? What has Jesus done for us? How should this cause us confidence? Pray for an opportunity to speak with someone who does not know about the forgiveness provided in the new covenant through Jesus.

### DAY 3 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

### READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Hebrews has five major warning passages.** Read **Hebrews 2:1-4.** What is the first warning? What is *the danger* for believers who have been saved? How does this occur? How does this relate to the overall theme? How does this warning relate to Hebrews 1:1-2 (Hebrews 12:25)?
- (b) The second warning is in Hebrews 3:12-19. What are we warned against? How does *sin* affect our willingness to hear God's Word?
- (c) Hebrews 6:4-6 is the third warning. We will discuss the specific of this warning later, but how can we keep ourselves from this condition (5:13-14)?
- (d) The fourth warning is Hebrews 10:26. What does the writer encourage us to do so that we will not fall into this condition (10:23-24)? The final warning is Hebrews 12:14-17. What is the warning against? How can we protect ourselves from this?
- (e) *Family:* Read Hebrews 3:12-19. Talk together about the “deceitfulness of sin.” How does sin deceive us? How does it affect our faith in Christ? How does hearing the Word of God protect us from this deception (James 1:22-25)? Spend some time praying for those who teach God's Word both in your church and in missionary settings.

### DAY 4 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

### READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Hebrews 1:1-2.** *Who* is Hebrews mainly about? Why is it important that we know *who* Jesus is?
- (b) What do “at various times” and “in various ways” tell us about God's revelation to man? (You might read this in a couple of versions). Was *each time* that God spoke in the past complete or was it partial? How is His speaking through Jesus different?
- (c) What are some of the ways God has spoken in the past (Genesis 15:1 and Acts 10:19; Numbers 12:6-8; Exodus 24:12; 1 Peter 1:20-21)? Is *each way* that God has spoken in the same? How is His speaking through Jesus different (Matthew 5:22, 28, 34, 44)?
- (a) What did Jesus repeatedly tell the crowds during his ministry on earth (Matthew 11:14; 13:9; Mark 4:9; Luke 8:8)?
- (d) What did God the Father say regarding the Son in Matthew 17:1-5? What warning is given in Hebrews 3:7, 3:15, 4:7 and 12:25?
- (e) *Family:* Read Hebrews 1:1-2 and 4:14-16. Discuss how God has revealed Himself more clearly in Jesus than in any other way. Who is Jesus and why does it matter? Spend some time praising God for Jesus and thanking Him for His salvation.

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

- (a) **Read Hebrews 1:1-4.** *When* has God spoken? What is the meaning of this phrase (Hebrews 9:26; Daniel 10:14; Acts 2:17; 2 Peter 3:3)? How should this affect the way that we live (2 Peter 3:13-18)?
- (b) How was the world created according to Genesis 1:3, 6, 14 and Hebrews 11:3? How does this world continue to be held together (Hebrews 1:3; Colossians 1:16-17)? What does this tell us about the Son and why we should listen to him?
- (c) Who is Jesus according to Hebrews 1:3 (John 14:6-9; Colossians 1:15; John 1:1-3, 14-16)?
- (d) What two things did Jesus do according to Hebrews 1:3? What does the idea of sitting down imply (Hebrews 10:10)? What has been given to Jesus as a result of his atoning death (Matthew 28:18-20)? What has he given to us? What has he promised us?
- (e) Andrew Murray has said, “Our one need, is to know Jesus better; the one cure for all our feebleness, to look to Him on the throne of heaven, and really claim the heavenly life He waits to impart.” How can seeing Jesus *for who he is* affect the way we live? How does Hebrews remind us of this?
- (f) *Family*: Read Hebrews 1:1-4 and 11:1-3. *How* was the world created and what keeps it together? Why does the writer of Hebrews begin with this reminder about *who* Jesus is and *what* he has done? Share what you most enjoy about God’s creation. Thank God for His creation and pray that people in our world would come to know what Jesus did to redeem us.

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

*Think back through what you have learned each day this week.* Read Hebrews 13:20-22. What is the theme of the Book of Hebrews? Why does the writer place so much emphasis on how Jesus and His ministry are “better” and “eternal?” Read Hebrews 13:15-16 together and pray for church services tomorrow. Also, pray that the Lord would show you what good deeds you can do that will be a sacrifice that will please Him.

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***Pressing On!***

*“Therefore ...let us press on to maturity...”*