

BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP STUDY QUESTIONS

In preparation for Sunday, June 27, 2021

Passage: Hebrews 13:7-19

Memory Passage: Hebrews 13:17

DAY 1 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Heb. 13:7-19.** How do vs. 7ff. connect to 13:1-6 (i.e., explain the context)?
- (b) To which leaders does v. 7 refer and how do you know?
- (c) In what ways might these 1st-century believers “remember” their leaders who spoke God’s word to them?
- (d) What about these leaders’ lives were these believers to “consider,” and what did that look like?

DAY 2 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Heb. 13:7-19.** What have you learned from Hebrews about Jesus that sustains the claim made in v. 8?
- (b) Why does our author place this claim about Jesus between v. 7 & v. 9 (i.e., explain the context and connection)?
- (c) According to v. 9, what “diverse and strange teachings” are tempting the church of the Hebrews?
- (d) What is the antidote to these “diverse and strange teachings” according to v. 9?

DAY 3 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Heb. 13:7-19.** What is our author contrasting in v. 10 (remember the context of Hebrews!)?
- (b) To what OT sacrifice does v. 11 refer (cf. Lev. 16, especially v. 27), and what has Hebrews taught us about Christ and this offering (cf. 9:11-14, 24-28; 10:1-4)?
- (c) What two comparisons does v. 12 make between Jesus and the OT Day of Atonement offering? Explain each one.
- (d) In vs. 13-14, our author gives two commands based on a reality. What, specifically, is he admonishing his hearers to do (keep in mind that these verses continue our author’s constant plea for his hearers not to return to the ways of the Old Covenant)?

DAY 4 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Heb. 13:7-19.** Though they are not to return to the Old Covenant sacrifices, what New Covenant sacrifices do vs. 15-16 command? Explain each one.
- (b) What leaders do v. 17 speak of, and what commands does he give this church regarding those leaders?
- (c) What reason does v. 17 give for these commands, and what are outcomes that flow from obedience (v. 17c)?
- (d) Explain our author’s last two prayer requests (vs. 18-19), including what the final phrase of v. 19 tells us about our author’s relationship to this church.

DAY 5 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Heb. 13:7-19.** Applications from these verses abound! Take time to write down several applications for yourself you will endeavor to apply in the coming days from these areas: (1) your relationship to your church leaders, past & present (vs. 7, 17), (2) what you learn about Jesus and the way it should strengthen, motivate, and fuel your love for Him and obedience to Him (vs. 8, 12), (3) how you will implement growing obedience to the direct commands found in this passage (vs. 7, 8, 9, 13, 15-17), and (4) how this passage strengthens your resolve to be a more passionate follower of Christ in community with others in the Bible Church and as you engage the world around you.

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Concerning Leaders

In Hebrews 13:7-19, we are shown 6 congregational responses to church leaders.

- I. Remember your leaders (v. 7a).
 - A. Those who taught you God's word (v. 7b).
 - B. As you consider the outcome of their lives (v. 7c).
- II. Imitate the faith of your leaders (v. 7d).
- III. Apply your leaders' teaching, for they taught about Jesus who never changes (v. 8).
 - A. Do not be deceived by strange teachings (v. 9a, c).
 - B. Do be strengthened by grace instead (v. 9b).
 - C. Do feed upon Christ and His sacrifice outside the camp to sanctify us (vs. 10, 12).
 - D. Do not seek sustenance in the Old Covenant rituals (v. 11).
 - E. Do live a life of New Covenant worship:
 1. Bear Christ's reproach for a greater reward (vs. 13-14).
 2. Offer sacrifices:
 - a. of praise (v. 15)
 - b. of good works (v. 16).
- IV. Obey your leaders (v. 17a).
- V. Submit to your leaders (v. 17b).
 - A. For they keep watch over your souls (v. 17c).
 - B. For they will give an account to God (v. 17d).
 - C. For they should serve with joy, not groaning (v. 17e).
 - D. For this will be an advantage to you (v. 17f).
- VI. Pray for your leaders (vs. 18-19).