

Hebrews (Sept. 6 to Nov. 8: One Book. Three Series) In Hebrews, we see three major — and continual — themes. First, Jesus Christ is greater than any angel, priest, or old covenant practice. Second, Christians must not forsake the great salvation that Jesus has brought about. And third, believers must hold on by faith to the true rest found in Christ, and must encourage others in the church to do the same.

Group Discussion

Main Text: Hebrews 13:1-25

Getting started: In the spirit of election week. If you had to elect a cartoon character as President, who would you choose and why?

- 1. Read Hebrews 13:1-2. How well do you do at loving those inside the church? Is this ever hard? How well do you love and show hospitality to those outside the church? Are you close to someone who is far from God?
- 2. Read Hebrews 13:4-6. Augustine wrote, "Christians don't fit very well into this world because they have a completely different attitude towards sex and money than the world." How does our attitude towards sex and money set Christians apart? Why are these two issues so important in our lives?
- 3. Read Hebrews 13:7. Who are the leaders who first taught you the word of God? Who are you following that sets an example of faith? Is anyone following your example of faith?
- 4. Read Hebrews 13:14-15. We are told to praise God with our words and in what we do. Did your actions in the last week accurately reflect your words to God?

- 5. Read Hebrews 13:7. What makes a good spiritual leader? Is it hard for you to submit to authority? When should you submit to authority, and when should you not?
- 6. Read Hebrews 13:20-21. Jesus doesn't just love the finished product of you, he loves the process. Is this ever hard for you to believe? Do you feel like God is pleased with you and proud to call you his child?

Next Steps

This week, who *inside* the church can you intentionally love? How? When will you do it?

This week, who *outside* the church can you intentionally love? How? When will you do it?



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