

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS



These discussion questions are designed to extend the impact of the Sunday message. You can use them for your personal Bible study, family study, and/or small group study.

Overview

Sermon: *Greater Practice*. Bottom line: *Keep practicing your faith.*

Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise—the fruit of lips that openly profess his name. And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.

- Hebrews 13:15-16 (NIV)

The writer of Hebrews is giving his last words of advice on how to live out a greater faith. He is imploring the listener to put a few fundamentals of the faith into practice. As you read these last few teachings you might find that they are uniquely fitting for our lives today.

Read together Hebrews 13. (Consider splitting up the reading between the group)

Discussion

1. What are the characteristics of love that we are called to extend to each other? (Heb. 13:1) How can we show hospitality to strangers in our community? (Heb. 13:2)
2. Hebrews 13:4 -5 pair marriage and greed together as temptations. How do these things correlate? What does it mean in practice to hold marriage in honor and to keep ourselves away from the love of money?
3. In Hebrews 13:7 the first hearers were being challenged to remember the first apostles and their influence. Who are people in your life that have made a profound impact on your faith? Share with each other who those people are and why they influenced you positively.
4. What steps can we take to ensure that we are not “led away by diverse and strange teachings?” (Heb. 13:9)
5. Hebrews 13:11-14 are calling Jewish Christians to move away from Jewish traditions and to follow Jesus whole heartedly. While we don’t practice animal sacrifices, in what ways might we be better at following Jesus?
6. How are praise and doing good a sacrifice to God? How could you make these sacrifices this week?
7. What would it look like for you to make being a leader at Littleton a joy and not a burden?

Application

8. How can you and your family live out this greater faith that the Hebrew writing is calling us to?
9. In your study during this series of the book of Hebrews, what practical differences has it made to you?
10. Read the prayer of Hebrews 13:20-21 one more time and pray together.

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