

## BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP STUDY QUESTIONS

In preparation for Sunday, August 6, 2006

Passage: Hebrews 13:20-25

Memory Passage: 1 John 3:22

**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.** *Who* does the writer put the focus on as he concludes this letter?
- (b) What title does he use for God? What does this title indicate (Romans 5:1)? How has this been a major theme throughout Hebrews (Hebrews 10:10-14)?
- (c) How has this peace been provided for us (Hebrews 9:20; Luke 22:20)?
- (d) Why would the God of peace be especially important to suffering believers (Philippians 4:7)?
- (e) Read Philippians 4:1-9. How can we experience the God of peace? What does Paul tell us in verses 4, 6, and 8-9?
- (f) *Family:* Read Hebrews 13:20 and Philippians 4:4-9. Talk together about peace—what it is and how we get it. What kind of peace is the writer of Hebrews referring to here? How have we received this? What kind of peace does God give to struggling believers? How do we get that? Pray for someone going through a difficult time that needs to experience God's peace.

### DAY 2 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

### READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Hebrews 13:21.** What does the writer pray for his readers? How is this related to what we have already seen in this chapter (Hebrews 13:15-16)?
- (b) Is this something that God does apart from anything we do? What does Philippians 2:12-13 tell us?
- (c) What does it mean to be dependent on God in everything we do?
- (d) What did Paul pray for the believers in Colossians 1:9-12 and 4:12? How is this similar to what we have here in Hebrews 13:21?
- (e) Is it possible to do “good works” that are not pleasing in His sight? Give an example. What is the goal of our good deeds (Hebrews 13:21)?
- (f) *Family:* Read Hebrews 13:21 and Colossians 1:9-12. Discuss what it means to serve the Lord by doing good. Can any of these good deeds be done in our own strength? Is God pleased when we do them without depending on Him? How can we learn to be dependent on His strength rather than ours? Pray that the Lord would show you some “good work” He wants you to do for Him.

### DAY 3 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

### READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Hebrews 13:22-25.** How does the writer conclude this letter? What kind of letter does he call it?
- (b) What has he been exhorting them to do (Hebrews 2:1; 6:11-12; 10:35-36)?
- (c) What does the writer tell us about Timothy? What does this indicate might have happened to him also (Hebrews 10:32-34; Hebrews 13:3)?
- (d) What should be our response toward suffering believers? How had the Hebrew Christians done this (Hebrews 10:34)? How can we do this?
- (e) Why would anyone be willing to suffer for his faith (Matthew 5:11-12; Romans 8:18; 2 Corinthians 4:17-18)? What was the attitude of early Christians toward suffering (Acts 5:41)? What should be ours (Philippians 1:29)?
- (f) *Family:* Read Hebrews 13:22-25 and 10:32-34. Discuss what it means to suffer for Christ. How were these believers suffering? How did they encourage one another? Take time to pray together for suffering believers around the world.

### DAY 4 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

### READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Hebrews 1:1-4.** *Who* has Hebrews mainly been about? How is He described in these verses?
- (b) What has the writer been telling his readers about Jesus? Who is He and why does this make his sacrifice superior to all others?
- (c) What does the writer tell us that Jesus has done? What did Jesus do with our sins? What does “purged” mean? What does this tell you about what Jesus does with our sins (1 John 1:5)?
- (d) What does the idea of sitting down imply (Hebrews 10:10-14)? What does the phrase “for all time” indicate about what Jesus has done?
- (e) Read Hebrews 13:12-13. Where did Jesus suffer for our salvation? What did he endure so that we might be saved? What might we be called upon to endure so that the gospel might be spread?
- (f) *Family:* Read Hebrews 1:3-4 and 10:10-14. What does it mean for Jesus to sit down at the right hand of the Father? Talk together about the finished work of Jesus and our responsibility to share this good news. Pray for someone who does not know Christ.

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

- (a) **Read Hebrews 6:9-12.** What does the writer believe about the people he is writing to? Why does he have this confidence (consider verse 10)?
- (b) What are some things that “accompany salvation?” How have we seen this encouragement in Hebrews?
- (c) What warning have we been given in Scripture (Hebrews 10:35-39; 2 Corinthians 5:10; Romans 14:10)? What promise have we been encouraged by (Hebrews 6:10; 1 Corinthians 3:11-15)?
- (d) According to 1 Corinthians 3:12-15, what will happen with all that we have done for the Lord? What will each man receive – salvation or something else? What happens if a person has no lasting works for the Lord? Does he lose his salvation? Explain this.
- (e) Is it worth it to serve the Lord (Matthew 10:41-42)? Is it worth it to suffer for the Lord (Matthew 5:10-12)?
- (f) *Family:* Read Hebrews 6:9-12 and Matthew 5:10-12. Discuss the biblical approach to rewards. Why does God reward us? What if a person does not always please the Lord—will that person be saved? What is our salvation based upon? What are rewards based upon? What motivated the early Christians to live for Jesus no matter what their circumstances? Spend some time thanking God for all that we have in Christ Jesus.

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

*Think back through what you have learned each day this week.* Read **Hebrews 13:20-25.** Talk together about what you have learned in this study of Hebrews. What has benefited you the most? What has encouraged you the most? Pray for worship services tomorrow, that believers might be encouraged to please God in all things.

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***Pleasing God in All Things***

*“working in you that which is pleasing in His sight...”*