

BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP STUDY QUESTIONS

In preparation for Sunday, October 31, 2004

Passage: Habakkuk 2:15-17

Memory Passage: Romans 14:17

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 Habakkuk 2:15-16. Why does God pronounce the next woe? (b) Does the Bible require complete abstinence (1 Timothy 5:23)? (c) What does Proverbs 20:1 conclude about the deception of alcohol? (d) What are some of the effects of alcohol mentioned in Habakkuk 2:5-17? (e) Compare these with Isaiah 28:7; Proverbs 31:4-7 and 23:29-35. (f) Pray for someone you know who is trapped under the deception of alcohol.

DAY 2 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

(a) Read Habakkuk 2:15 again. Upon whom is this woe pronounced? What impact can our use of alcohol have on others? (b) What is one requirement for elders and deacons and godly women according to 1 Timothy 3:3; Titus 1:7; and 2:3? (c) What *pattern* do you see in these verses? Why is this if drinking alcohol is not forbidden? (d) What kind of lifestyle should leaders model? How can their use of alcohol affect others in the Body? (e) What was said of John the Baptist in Luke 1:15-16? How would this affect others? (f) Ask the Lord to examine your lifestyle. Are there areas of your life that might be a poor testimony to Christ?

DAY 3 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

(a) Read Habakkuk 2:16 in a couple of versions. What does this verse emphasize? (b) At the end of verse 16, what does the picture of God's cup symbolize? (c) Consider these verses also – Psalm 75:8; Isaiah 49:26; Jeremiah 25:26-27 and Revelation 14:10. Why do you think God uses this picture? (d) What judgment had God promised would come on Babylon, Jeremiah 51:53-57? What did God promise in Hosea 4:6-7? (e) How did He do this to the Babylonians (Daniel 5:1-31)? What were they doing when God's judgment came (verse 4)? (f) Read 1 Corinthians 10:31. Pray that you will bring glory to God in all you do this day.

DAY 4 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

(a) Read Habakkuk 2:17 – How do those under the influence tend to treat other people and property (vs. 15, 17)? (b) What does Habakkuk 2:15 say the Babylonians wanted to do with their neighbors through their drinking? (c) What is the connection between drunkenness and sexual behavior in Genesis 9:20-27 and 19:30-38? (d) Read Romans 13:11-14 and 1 Thessalonians 5:4-10. Why should we “wake up”? What *two* things are we told to do? Why is *each* important? (e) Spend time praying about the coming of the Lord. Will you pray “Maranatha – Come, Lord Jesus?”

DAY 5 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

(a) Read Romans 14:13-23. What two things does Paul warn against? How do these apply to what we have discussed? (b) What is the kingdom of God all about? How can the deception of alcohol keep us from righteousness? Peace? Joy? (c) Read Ephesians 5:18. With what does Paul contrast the drinking of wine? What is similar about these two? What is different? (d) Why would a person living the life of faith want to depend on alcohol? (e) Read 1 John 2:28-3:3. How should thinking about His coming affect our lifestyle? (f) Thank the Lord that “now we *are* the children of God”. Ask Him to examine every area of your lifestyle so that you might be ready when He returns.

What have you learned about the life of faith and deception of alcohol?