

BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP STUDY QUESTIONS

In preparation for Sunday, October 30, 2005

Passage: Hebrews 3:1-6

Memory Passage: Isaiah 45:22

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 3:1.** To whom does the writer address this section—to believers or non-believers? How can you tell?
- (b) What is a “partaker?” Compare some other translations. How is this word used in Philippians 1:7; Colossians 1:12; 1 Timothy 6:12?
- (c) What are we partakers of in this passage? What does the idea of “calling” indicate to you about God’s initiative in salvation (Romans 1:6; 1 Corinthians 1:9; 1 Peter 5:10)? How should this encourage suffering and struggling believers?
- (d) What is our calling? How should this affect the way we live (1 Peter 1:15; 2:9; Romans 8:28-29; Ephesians 4:1)?
- (e) Read Jude 1:1. What has the Father done for us? Why can we be called “holy brethren?” What does the Son continue to do for us (also John 6:37-39; Hebrews 7:25)? How is this an encouragement to you?
- (f) *Family:* Read Hebrews 3:1 and John 6:37-39. Talk about God’s calling people to Himself. Why is this necessary? Will anyone come if God does not do this? What does He call us to? How should this affect the way we live? Pray that your lives might reflect His holy calling.

DAY 2 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Hebrews 3:1-2.** What does the writer call Jesus? What do each of these terms indicate about Jesus?
- (b) How is Jesus the “apostle” of our profession (John 20:21; 7:38)? Why was Jesus sent (Hebrews 2:14, 17; John 3:16-17)?
- (c) What does the High Priest do (Hebrews 5:1)? How has Jesus done this for us (Hebrews 9:12-14; 10:3-10)?
- (d) What characteristic of *both* Jesus and Moses does the writer remind us of? What has he already told us about this characteristic in Jesus in Hebrews 2:17?
- (e) What does God require of *any* of His servants (1 Corinthians 4:1-2)? Why are “success” and “effectiveness” and other ways of evaluating ministry *not* biblical? What is the one thing God looks for in His servants? How should this affect the way you serve (1 Corinthians 15:58)?
- (f) *Family:* Read Hebrews 3:1-2 and 1 Corinthians 4:1-2. Discuss what Jesus has done for us. How is he our apostle and our high priest? What do these terms tell us about him? What is the one thing that God wants most from us? Pray that each of you may be found faithful to the Lord in every area of your lives.

DAY 3 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Hebrews 3:3-5.** How did the Jews feel about Moses (John 9:28)? How great was Moses (Numbers 12:6-8; Exodus 34:10-12)?
- (b) Did Moses please God in every way and in every situation? Read Numbers 20:1-12. What happened in this situation? Was Moses always faithful to God?
- (c) Compare the faithfulness of Moses to that of Jesus—Was Jesus faithful in every way (John 8:29; Hebrews 4:15; John 17:4)?
- (d) *Whose* house are we (Matthew 16:18; 1 Corinthians 3:9)? Read 1 Peter 2:5-7. What does this tell us about our relationship to this “house” and what does it also tell us about Jesus?
- (e) How is the builder of a house *greater* than the house? What does Hebrews 3:4 tell us about who Jesus is – God or only man (also Hebrews 1:2)?
- (f) *Family:* Read Hebrews 3:3-4 and John 8:29 and 17:4. Spend some time talking about the greatness of Moses. Why was he so special among the Jews? What are some of the great things he did for God? Was he perfect? Discuss some of his failures. Compare Moses to Jesus. Who is greater and why? Can you think of some other reasons? Spend some time praising Jesus for who He is.

DAY 4 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Hebrews 3:5-6.** How are we “God’s house” (1 Corinthians 3:16)? How should this affect the way we live our lives?
- (b) What are we to hold fast to? Is this our salvation or something else? What does Hebrews 10:35-37 tell us we will gain if we do not lose our confidence?
- (c) Does our *holding fast* make us His house or give evidence that we are His house? What is the difference and why does it matter (1 John 2:19)?
- (d) How do our “hope” and “rejoicing” keep us going when times are tough? Read Romans 5:1-5. Does our hope save us? What does? How does hope strengthen us in difficult times? Read Romans 12:12 also.
- (e) *Family:* Read Hebrews 3:5-6 and Romans 5:1-5. What about the perseverance of the saints. What are some evidences that people are truly believers in Christ? Are those evidences all the same? Do some struggle more than others? Pray for someone today that is going through a difficult time and needs to be encouraged in “holding fast.”

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

- (a) **Read Hebrews 3:1** again. What are we told to do with Jesus? What does “consider” mean?
- (b) How is the word “consider” used in Matthew 6:28? What should *considering* do for us?
- (c) How does “considering” Jesus help us to hold fast to our profession (Hebrews 12:1-4)?
- (d) How does it *enable us* to have joy in every situation (Philippians 4:4-5)?
- (e) What can we do to help us in considering Jesus (Philippians 4:6-9; Colossians 3:1-3)?
- (f) *Family*: Read Hebrews 3:1 and Philippians 4:4-9. Talk about how the Lord is present in every situation. How does remembering that help us in difficult times? What are at least three things we should do from Philippians 4:4-9 that will help us to keep our eyes on Jesus? Pray together for a specific difficulty. Ask God to give you His joy as you give Him your burdens.

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

Think back through what you have learned each day this week. Read Hebrews 3:1-6. Why does the writer direct our attention to Moses? What are some of the great things he did for God? How does his ministry compare to that of Jesus? In what ways is Jesus and the new covenant superior to that of Moses? How should this be an encouragement to believers? Pray that worship services tomorrow will encourage Christians everywhere to rejoice in the hope that they have!

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Jesus: The Faithful Son

“Therefore...consider ...Jesus!”