

WEEK 11 - 9/16/18

HEBREWS 8:1-13

WORD OF GOD:

Have a group member read Hebrews 8:1-13 aloud.

What in this text stands out to you?

OBSERVATION:

Why is Jesus' priestly work greater than the work of other priests?

How is the new covenant different from the old covenant?

What promises did God make to his people?

APPLICATION:

What do you usually expect when you ask someone for forgiveness?

What can we expect from God when we confess our sins to him?

How can you remind yourself that God has forgiven you and does not hold your sin against you?

Why do we sometimes doubt God's forgiveness?

How can we find freedom from a false sense of guilt?

Why is it important for believers to express thanks to God for his forgiveness?





WEEK 12 - 9/23/18

HEBREWS 9:1-14

WORD OF GOD:

Have a group member read Hebrews 9:1-14 aloud.

What in this text stands out to you?

OBSERVATION:

Why were the temple and the Levitical priesthood meant to be temporary institutions?

What realities did they point forward to?

What do the repetition of these sacrifices mean?

Why is the shedding of blood necessary for the forgiveness of sins?

How could the blood of bulls and goats really deal with sin?

APPLICATION:

How is Christ's sacrifice better than that of animals in the temple?

How can Christ offer eternal redemption?

What does it mean to have your conscious purified from dead works to serve the living God?

How should we live in response to Christ being the better temple sacrifice?

What does Christ's suffering make you feel?





WEEK 13 - 9/30/18

HEBREWS 9:15-29

WORD OF GOD:

Have a group member read Hebrews 9:15-29 aloud.

What in this text stands out to you?

OBSERVATION:

How can people receive the blessing God has promised?

Why did Christ establish a new agreement between God and people?

How does Christ's blood purify us?

How was Christ's sacrifice superior to the sacrifice of animals?

APPLICATION:

How do people try to make themselves right with God? What results from their efforts?

What can free us from the frustration of trying to earn God's approval?

What is significant about the fact that Christ died "once for all"?

How would your life be different if Christ had not died?





WEEK 14 - 10/7/18

HEBREWS 10:1-18

WORD OF GOD:

Have a group member read Hebrews 10:1-18 aloud.

What in this text stands out to you?

OBSERVATION:

How is the law a shadow of the good things to come?

Why do sacrifices fall short?

What are we reminded in those sacrifices?

How does this section sum up the previous few chapters?

APPLICATION:

What is the purpose of the law, now that we are under Christ's grace?

What, if any, sacrifices are now necessary?

What role do we play in our sanctification, and what role does Christ play?

What does the Spirit say to us to encourage us when we sin?

What do we now do when we sin, if sacrifices are no longer necessary?





WEEK 15 - 10/14/18

HEBREWS 10:19-39

WORD OF GOD:

Have a group member read Hebrews 10:19-39 aloud.

What in this text stands out to you?

OBSERVATION:

What gives believers confidence to approach a holy God?

What are some of the opportunities and privileges Christ's death provides you?

What happens when people reject God's salvation?

What is meant when the writer says that it is a terrible thing to fall into the hands of the living God?

APPLICATION:

How does Jesus' victory over death encourage you?

How should our confidence in Christ's ultimate victory change the way we live?

How can believers help each other to show love and do good deeds?

What can we gain from remembering the days when we were new believers?

How can you depend more on other believers to help you grow in your faith and commitment to God?





WEEK 16 - 10/21/18

HEBREWS 11:1-16

WORD OF GOD:

Have a group member read Hebrews 11:1-16 aloud.

What in this text stands out to you?

OBSERVATION:

Why should we remember people of faith who lived in the past?

What made the faith of these people extraordinary?

How did these people demonstrate their faith in God?

Why did these people say they were like visitors and strangers on earth?

How can God's people show their trust in his promises?

APPLICATION:

Why is it impossible to please God without faith?

How do faith and obedience work together?

How does God respond to our faith?

What encouragement does this passage offer to people who have not had their prayers answered?





WEEK 17 - 10/28/18

HEBREWS 11:17-40

WORD OF GOD:

Have a group member read Hebrews 11:17-40 aloud.

What in this text stands out to you?

OBSERVATION:

How was Abraham a man of faith?

How was Moses a man of faith?

How were the people of God faithful in their wandering & taking possession of the Promised Land?

What shifts in verse 35?

APPLICATION:

How can you be faithful to God when you are successful?

How can you be faithful to God when you are suffering?

When is it easier for you to turn to God: when things go well, or when things are difficult?

How has your faith in God changed your perspective or goals in life?

What can you do to exercise faith this week?





WEEK 18 - 11/4/18

HEBREWS 12:1-17

WORD OF GOD:

Have a group member read Hebrews 12:1-17 aloud.

What in this text stands out to you?

OBSERVATION:

Why did Jesus accept the shame of the cross?

What advice does this passage offer to those who are suffering?

Whom does God discipline?

Why does God allow his children to suffer?

Why is it important to accept God's discipline?

APPLICATION:

How can thinking about Jesus' suffering help you face the pain in your life?

In what specific ways does God discipline us?

How can we learn to recognize and respond to God's correction in our lives?

How does this passage challenge your attitude toward God's discipline?

What might God be teaching you through some present difficulties?

Why is it important to remember that God loves you even though he disciplines you?





WEEK 19 - 11/11/18

HEBREWS 12:12-29

WORD OF GOD:

Have a group member read Hebrews 12:12-29 aloud.

What in this text stands out to you?

OBSERVATION:

Why should Christians "make straight paths for your feet"?

How can Christians avoid Esau's mistake?

What difference has Jesus made in the way people know God?

What will remain after God destroys the world?

What kind of worship pleases God?

APPLICATION:

What does the Scripture mean when it compares God to a consuming fire?

What does it mean to fear God?

How does the fear of the Lord affect your daily life?

What can we learn from this passage about our future?

How does the way you spend your time reveal about your view of God?





WEEK 20 - 11/18/18

HEBREWS 13:1-25

WORD OF GOD:

Have a group member read Hebrews 13:1-25 aloud.

What in this text stands out to you?

OBSERVATION:

How should Christians show their love for one another?

What responsibility do believers have to help people in need?

What gives believers a sense of satisfaction and contentment?

What is the future city described in this passage?

APPLICATION:

How has your relationship with Jesus changed the way you treat others?

What problems arise in serving others?

How can we avoid or deal with these problems?

What is the key to enjoying Christian service?

How can you remind yourself to seek only Christ's approval for your service?

