

Dig Deeper @Home – “Jesus is...”

Complement to sermon on January 22, 2017 – “The Way to God”

MEMORIZE – Hebrews 7: 24-25

But Jesus holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. Consequently, he is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them

READ Hebrews 6

Questions to ponder/discuss:

1. Read Hebrews 6, listening for what God is saying to you. What is this scripture revealing about God and what is it revealing about us as humans?
2. If the above is true, what needs to change in your life? What will that look like?
3. What can we conclude about what the author is trying to say in 6:1-2? What are “elementary” teachings about Christ? What does it mean to go on to maturity?
4. What do you think is the essential point the author is trying to get across in 6:4-8? How would falling back into the the practices of their Jewish religion subject Christ to public disgrace and in effect crucify him again? (see 6:6)
5. Read 6:9-12. What does the writer encourage the Christians to keep doing to make their faith real? What does he affirm about what they are doing already?
6. What words occur several times in 6:13-20? What seems to be the main message from this passage?
7. What “hope”(sure expectation) do these promises give to Christians? Why should this “hope” have been such an encouragement to Christians under persecution for their faith? (see 6:18,19)

Bottom Line – What truth from Hebrews 6 would you like to take to heart this week:

Experiential

Sometimes activities help us to understand and process biblical truths. The ones below are suggestions for how to experience the truths of Hebrews 6. Feel free to use one of these or any you might come up with.

Acting Out– One practical sign of a Christian’s love for God is a commitment to helping God’s people (see 6:10). How can you show love for God in this way this week? Pray and talk about how you can act on one concrete way of doing this.

ABC’s – Hebrews 6:1 says we are to leave the “elementary teaching” about Christ and go on to “maturity.” This takes attention and effort. Have fun with this exercise of trying to say your ABC’s, first from “a-z” and then try it from “z-a”. Take turns seeing who can do the ABC’s both frontward and backward.

SING (a suggested song to sing. Use this or any song you might want to sing)

I am Thine, O Lord – Mennonite Hymnal #581

A hymn inviting Jesus to draw us closer and deeper as we trust in Him.

Holy Spirit, You are welcome here- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eFByOX8Fb0M>

A worship song inviting us into the presence of God through the Holy Spirit. Let this song be your prayer as you hold on to the promises of God in Jesus.

PRAY

This is a time to gather around for prayer requests and to share how you have seen God at work. A time to hear where God is showing up in our lives and where we need Him to help us in our lives.

Sending prayer based on the lesson:

Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen