

Dig Deeper @Home – “Jesus Is...”

Complement to sermon on February 19, 2017 – “Worthy of it All”

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 13

Questions to ponder/discuss:

1. What is this passage 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. In what areas should “brotherly love” define Christians (vv 1-7)? What outcomes are spelled out here for those who do? For those who don’t? What help is offered for those who struggle? (Hint vv 6,8).
4. What does verse 5 say about priorities when making financial decisions? What reason do we have to be worry-free when it comes to money?
5. How are we to regard our leaders (vv 7,17) and why? Who are these leaders and how had their lives influenced these believers?
6. In which of these six areas mentioned in verses 1-7 have you made the most progress recently? (Love for brothers and sisters, providing hospitality, caring for those in prison, keeping your marriage strong, staying free from the love (worry) of money, submitting to leaders in authority)? Which area do you need the most work on?
7. What “diverse and strange teaching” was a particular temptation to Hebrew Christian (vv. 9-10)? What rituals, customs and other forms of legalism tempt believers today?
8. What types of “sacrifices” is God most concerned with (vv. 15-16)?

Bottom Line – Considering all you have learned about Jesus in Hebrews, how would you summarize the main message of Hebrews?

Experiential

Sometimes activities help us to understand and process biblical truths. The ones below are a suggestion for how to experience the truths of Hebrews 13.

Let There Be Praise!

It is a privilege to praise God and all of us can think of reasons to praise him. Take turns in the circle thinking of God's character and qualities which most inspire you to praise him. Have someone write them down and see how many you can get on your list.

Living it out!

Taking these words of Hebrews 13 to heart, think of one way you can show love to a brother or sister or offer hospitality and encouragement to someone God leads you to. Pray and ask God to show you what you are to do and then follow through in obedience.

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

This is Amazing Grace - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hNMwkvaswcY> With this song of worship offer up to God a sacrifice of praise for all he has done and for His "amazing grace".

Hymn – Crown Him with many crowns – Mennonite Hymnal #191 Each verse of this great hymn points to a different aspect of what Jesus Christ has done and is doing right now as risen and ascended King.

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: Hebrews 13:20-21 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.