

CITYGROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

HEBREWS

Hebrews 13

Week of November 22 or November 29



#CityGroupsTally

REMINDERS for leaders:

- 1) There are only a few weeks left of City Groups. The last scheduled week is November 30-December 3. The discussion guides provided for the Hebrews study will actually end a week prior to that, so use the last week to catch up from a missed week of group during Thanksgiving or have a fun night. Make sure you've got this planned out with your group.
- 2) **MULTIPLICATION STARTS WITH APPRENTICING.** Who are you teaching your role? Who are you giving away responsibility to? Is it time to have a specific conversation with that person about their potential leadership? Begin having those conversations now! Please be encouraging your group members to consider stepping up for future leadership opportunities. Make specific asks to the right people. Keep it at the forefront of their minds.
- 3) **It's time to enter serious mode if your group is going to multiply for the Spring.** Who is it that can step up to lead a group. You don't have to be perfect or fully developed to be a group leader, you just need a passion for people, some bible knowledge and ability to handle scripture, some basic skills (that we can teach!), and a desire to see people connected to City Church through City Groups.

ANNOUNCEMENTS for all groups before starting discussion:

CHRISTMAS ON THE MOON: December 6 @ 5pm and 7pm. No Sunday morning services that day. Begin inviting your friends and neighbors!

LAST WEEK OF CITY GROUPS: November 30-December 3. We hope you've enjoyed Hebrews. Look forward to more info about Spring groups beginning the week of January 17!

BIG IDEA(s):

Hebrews 13 lists several examples of faith lived out and what “acceptable worship” from Hebrews 12:28 looks like. Our lives as Christians in community should reflect brotherly love, hospitality, care for the afflicted, honor for marriage, generosity, submission to church leaders, and continual endurance in faith to the end. These are some of the active responses of faith in the lives of believers.

READ: Read chapter 13 of Hebrews. Pray for your group's gathering tonight. Pray for clarity, understanding, and that we would draw near to God through His Word.

HEAD (10-15 minutes)

- 1) List some of the ways you see the dangers of comfortable Christianity around you.**
- 2) The author lists several faith actions in 13:1-6 that believers are called to live by. Which of these does our group do best? In what ways can we do better?**
- 3) What is the root of all evil? ... Why do think that is?** (13:5-6. "Love of Money" ... we often equate money with security and independence. If we love money and depend solely on the securities it provides, then we replace God's role as sustainer in our lives. That is idolatry. This happens in many forms, but loving money is probably the most tangible form of that idol replacement.)
- 4) Who are your spiritual leaders? How can you better obey and submit to them?** (13:17, Pastors and elders of City Church. Taking next steps, growing in faith by reading and obeying scripture, serving on a volunteer team, giving to City Church, sharing your faith with friends and neighbors, living faithfully, avoiding criticism, active support for them, etc.)

HEART: (15-20 minutes)

- 1) If people imitated you, then what kind of Christian life would they have? What qualities do you have that are worthy of imitating? Which ones are not?** (Possibly frame this question to have group members answer the positive qualities (not the negative ones!) about other group members.)
- 2) What is standing in the way of your offering God a sacrifice of praise on a daily basis?** (13:15-16.)
- 3) In what way is God working in your life right now to make you into, "*that which is pleasing in His sight*"? (13:21) AKA growing in holiness and Christlikeness.**

HANDS (10-15 Minutes):

- 1) What are some practical things we can learn for our daily lives this week as we follow Jesus into the world?**
- 2) What is the best thing you've learned through the book of Hebrews and how is that affecting your life?**
- 3) Close out your group with the Benediction in Hebrews 13:20-21. Remember the call to endure, persevere, believe in the work of Jesus Christ, and that you are equipped to do what is good and pleasing in God's sight to the glory of His name.**

Take a few moments to pray for the faith to live obediently as Christians. Pray for specific decisions that need to be made and people that need to be reached out to.