

CITYGROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

HEBREWS

Hebrews 1:1-4; 7:26-28; 10:11-14; 12:1-3; 13:20-23

September 13-17, 2015



#CityGroupsTally

REMINDERS for leaders:

- 1) WELCOME TO FALL CITY GROUPS 2015!
- 2) Be reading through Hebrews so that you have a bigger picture awareness of what is going on in the book. Check out some of the resources we have available on the City Groups Blog.
- 3) Be ready for your group members to arrive. Wait at the door, greet them when they come, connect people to one another, encourage conversation and avoid huddles, pay attention to the time.
- 4) Take a candid photo of your group this week and post it to social media, and email to Bryan. Use **#CITYGROUPSTALLY** when you meet each week, when you hang out outside of group, when you serve together, and any other time.
- 5) Please take some time to get familiar with the Grow Page of the website so you can better direct people on how to use it.

ANNOUNCEMENTS for all groups before starting discussion:

NEXT THIS THURSDAY: Next will be held this Thursday, Sept. 17 at City Church Tharpe. Sign up online to attend this class (So we can know how many people to provide dinner for!) on the vision and mission of City Church, how you can get connected to a serve team, how you can become an “owner” (member), and other next steps you may have.

SUNDAY VOLUNTEERS: There are plenty of opportunities to serve on one of our volunteer teams: Kids, First Impressions, Production, Youth, Care/Connections. Let us know your interest at CityChurchTallahassee.com/Serve.

HEBREWS: We'll be going through the book of Hebrews in City Groups this Fall. Please read through the book if you can and come ready to dive in. If you are unfamiliar with Hebrews, then this is the place to be! Read, Ask questions, don't be afraid if you don't know it all! We want to help you grow in your understanding of this book of the bible and how it applies directly to your life.

GENERAL: Grow Page has many resources on how to read the bible, you should definitely check it out!

BIG IDEA(s):

City Groups are about Community, Growth, and Mission. We want you to build lifelong friendships here, grow to be more like Jesus in every part of life, and also to understand your calling as a Christian to take the gospel to every part of our city and the world. Maturity as a Christian involves learning the scriptures and how to apply them to life. Hebrews will help you have a high view of Jesus and what He has accomplished through his work on the cross.

WHY CITY GROUPS? (10-15 minutes)

1) Why did you choose to come out to a City Group tonight? What are you hoping to get out of your time here? (We hope you love it and will choose to come back each week!)

2) What are your thoughts on Community, Growth, and Mission? . . . [pause] How do each of these support or build on each other, and what happens if one is missing in our group? (clarify these concepts if necessary, refer to the City Group Leader handbook, pages 4-6)

Community + Growth – Mission = Holy Huddle

Community + Mission – Growth = Undisciplined People (Spiritually Malnourished)

Growth + Mission – Community = Isolated Coal/ Burnout

HEAD: Context (15-20 minutes)

1) What do you know about the Old Testament or the Jewish Faith? (Very broad question. Hebrews was written to Jewish Christians who had an extensive background in the OT and Judaism.)

2) Does God “speak” to us? If so, how? (Hebrews 1:1 – through the prophets and through Jesus, therefore scripture. Old Testament is received through prophets. New Testament texts are firsthand accounts to the life and accomplished work of Jesus Christ.)

3) Who is Jesus? (How do your non-believing friends view Him? Versus, Who is He really according to the bible? -This is what Hebrews is all about.)

OVERVIEW PASSAGES (15-20 Minutes):

Distribute each of these overview passages out to group members to be read aloud.

Hebrews 1:1-4

Hebrews 7:26-28

Hebrews 10:11-14

Hebrews 12:1-2

Hebrews 13:20-21

After reading the verses, answer the following questions for the overview passages:

- **What sticks out to you in these passages?**

- **How do these passages describe Jesus?**

- **What do these passages mean for me in 2015?** (use this question to transition into the last section.)

HEART & HANDS (10-15 Minutes):

1) What is it that we learned about Jesus that is most comforting to you, or that moves you to worship?

2) If Jesus is how he is described in the book of Hebrews (and He is!), and if He were sitting right next to you (the Holy Spirit certainly is!), how might this cause your bank statement, serving record, personal time, browser history, etc. to be different? Be specific.

Take notes of prayer requests to send out to your group members later: