

# Better (Hebrews)

Sermon Questions | 06.14.15

## Opener

Praise the God for our Savior, Jesus. He is the anchor of our faith and remains the same yesterday, today, and forever.

Pray for God to direct the group time and help the group to live out God's truth and defend the church in the midst of a post-Christian culture.

## Read

Hebrews 13:1-8

## Engaging with God in a Group

The writer of Hebrews gave us instruction for holy, New Covenant living by the power of the Spirit. We can live holy lives because Jesus is the same yesterday, today, and forever. He never changes in our ever-changing culture. We want to discuss this truth relative to these five values or mindsets.

- Love people. Love is an action – a demonstration not just acceptance. Love puts another's need above its own. What does sacrificial love look like in your life and sphere of influence?
- Welcome strangers. As the Church, how do we open our life wide to strangers – even those completely different from ourselves?
- Remember the forgotten ones. Who are the forgotten ones in your life, and how can you remember them with empathy?
- Honor marriage. What is God's eternal perspective on the institution of marriage? See Jesus' own words in Matthew 19:4-6. According to God's instruction for marriage, the union between one man and one woman (See Matthew 19:4-6) is to remain pure and undefiled (re-read Hebrews 13:4). How do we show grace to those with a different view and lifestyle? How about to those who commit adultery? Since Jesus, our example, is full of grace and full of truth, how do we love like this while continuing to honor marriage?

- View Jesus as enough forever. In a materialistic culture, how do you struggle with longing for more and being content with what you have? Does knowing all that really matters is what Jesus thinks help you with this struggle?

## **Engaging with God Alone**

Pray and consider how you might love people, welcome strangers, remember forgotten ones and show grace to those with different views and lifestyles. How can you remember throughout the next week that all that really matters is what Jesus thinks?

## **Closing thoughts and prayer**

Praise God for the truth of his word. For in it, he gives us instructions for holy living, as we live in a pluralistic culture. Help us live out God's truth right where we are.