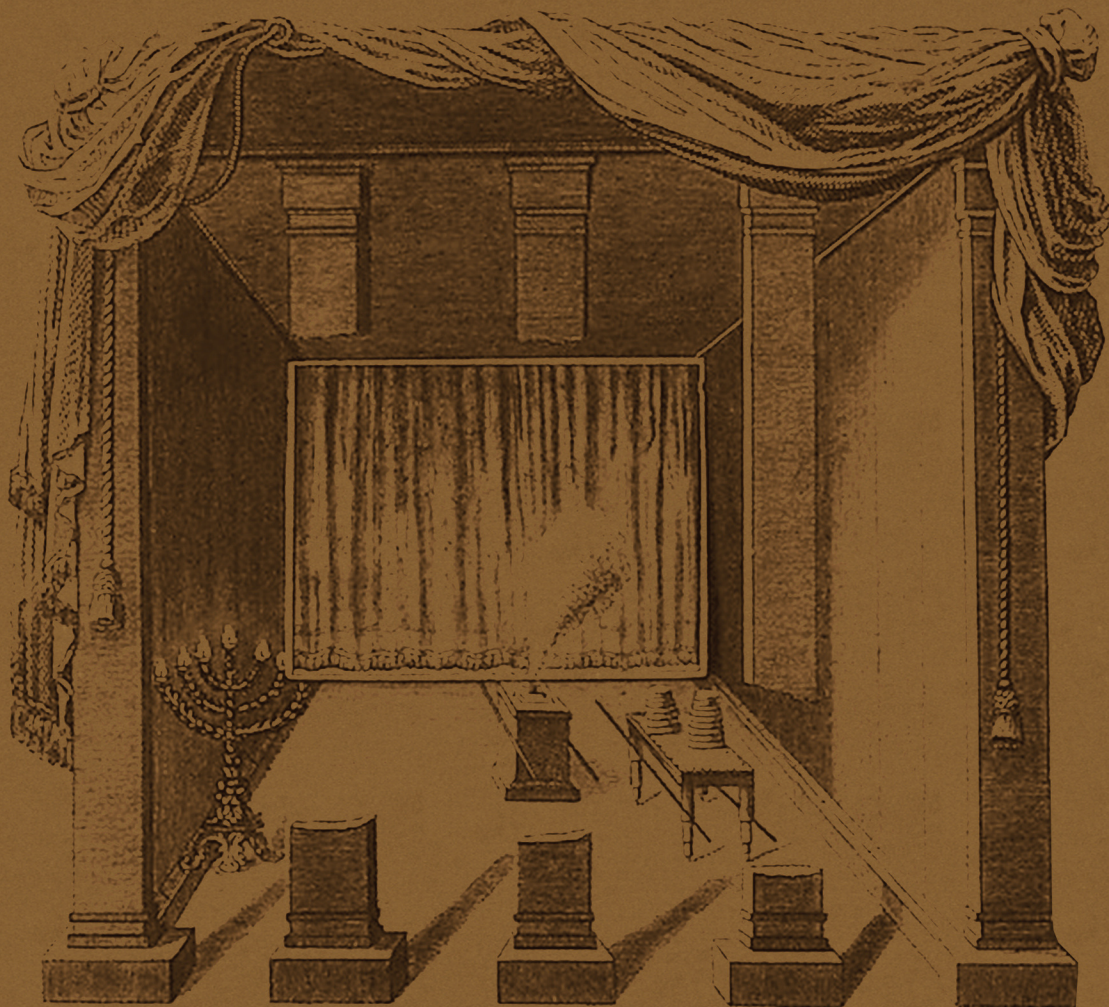


Hebrews

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HEBREWS

Welcome!

Welcome to this 8-week small group study on the book of Hebrews! We're excited to journey through this powerful book of the Bible together. Hebrews encourages us to stay strong in our faith by reminding us that Jesus is greater than anything that came before—He is our perfect priest, the ultimate sacrifice, and the one who brings us closer to God. Whether you're new to studying the Bible or have been walking with Jesus for years, this study will help you grow in your faith, trust God more deeply, and live with confidence in His promises. Let's discover together what it means to follow Jesus wholeheartedly.



SESSION 1

Icebreaker

Introduce yourself and then go around the room and ask everyone to share their name and a little about themselves. Pray and invite the Holy Spirit to today's session.

Video

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Discussion

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- How can we support and encourage one another as a small group when someone is struggling or feeling like giving up?

Closing & Prayer

Encourage everyone to participate in homework and devotionals weekly. Pray for the Holy Spirit to minister to each group member as they study the book of Hebrews.

Homework

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Week 1



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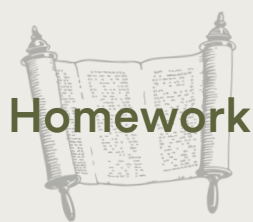
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Key Take Aways

- The book of Hebrews was written to Christians facing severe persecution, encouraging them not to give up on their faith.
- Remembering who Jesus is and what He has done creates faith in our hearts.
- Hope is crucial for spiritual endurance.
- Trials and persecution are part of the Christian life, but we can find strength to persevere through Jesus.



Homework

- Read and apply Practical Applications from this week's lesson
- Answer questions for homework
- Read chapters 1 & 2 of Hebrews

PARTICIPANT Homework



Key Scripture

Hebrews 10:23 NASB

Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful.

Questions

In what ways can we practically 'hold tightly without wavering to the hope we affirm' as mentioned in Hebrews 10:23?

What does it mean to you personally to 'wait for the Lord' as described in Isaiah 40:31, and how might this practice strengthen your faith?

In what areas of your life do you need to persevere, and how can the encouragement found in Hebrews help you?

Responses

SESSION 2

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- How can we as a community help each other stay anchored in God's truth and prevent spiritual drift?

Closing & Prayer

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Week 2



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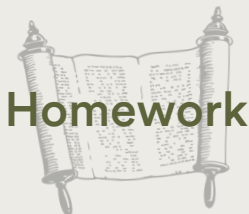
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Key Take Aways

- Jesus is the fullest expression of God's Word to humanity.
- Regular engagement with Scripture is transformational, not just inspirational.
- Spiritual drift often happens passively, requiring intentional realignment with God's truth.



Homework

- Read and apply Practical Applications from this week's lesson
- Answer questions for homework
- Read chapters 3 - 4:13 of Hebrews

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Key Scripture

Hebrews 1:1-2 NASB

In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets at many times and in various ways, 2 but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son.

Questions

What distractions or 'noise' in your life might be preventing you from hearing God's voice clearly?

In what ways can you practically 'posture yourself' in God's truth daily, especially during challenging times or spiritual storms?

What areas of your life might be out of alignment with God's truth, and how can you begin the process of realignment?

Responses

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Video

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Discussion

- Today's message compares our faith journey to the Israelites' journey to the Promised Land. In what ways can you relate to their struggles and doubts?
- How do you understand the concept of God's rest as described in today's message? How is it different from our typical idea of rest?
- The author of Hebrews warns against hardening our hearts. Can you think of a time when you've been tempted to ignore God's voice or leading? What were the consequences?
- What practical steps can we take to ensure we're 'holding firmly' to our faith, especially during difficult times?

Closing & Prayer

Encourage everyone to participate in homework and devotionals weekly. Close the session by praying together, asking God to help each member stay the course in their faith journey. And, to give them strength to resist drifting away from Him and the courage to trust Him fully

Homework

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Week 3



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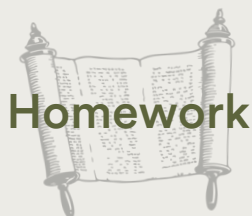
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Key Take Aways

- Jesus is superior to Moses and the old covenant.
- We must remain faithful to reach our eternal destination in Christ.
- God's rest is about having full trust and peace in Him.



Homework

- Read and apply Practical Applications from this week's lesson
- Answer questions for homework
- Read chapters 4:14 - 7 of Hebrews

PARTICIPANT Homework



Key Scripture

Hebrews 3:6 NIV

But Christ is faithful as the Son over God's house.
And we are his house, if indeed we hold firmly to our
confidence and the hope in which we glory.

Questions

How might our journey of faith mirror the Israelites' journey to the Promised Land, and what lessons can we learn from their mistakes?

Hebrews 3:6 says, "We are his house, if indeed we hold firmly to our confidence and the hope in which we glory." What does it mean to you to "hold firmly" to your faith? What challenges do you face in doing this?

How can you actively pursue and maintain our 'confidence and hope' in Christ, as mentioned in Hebrews 3:6?

Responses

SESSION 4

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Video

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Discussion

- Today's message emphasized Jesus as our companion. How can we cultivate a more consistent awareness of Jesus' presence in our daily lives?
- How does understanding that Jesus faced the same temptations we do, yet without sin, impact your view of Him and your own struggles with temptation?.
- Reflect on Dallas Willard's definition of prayer as 'a conversation with Jesus about what we are doing, together.' How might this change your approach to prayer?
- How does the knowledge that Jesus is continually interceding for you impact your faith and daily walk with God?

Closing & Prayer

Encourage everyone to participate in homework and devotionals weekly. Close the session by praying together, asking the Holy Spirit to help each member deepen their relationship with Him and living as His true companions in the coming week

Homework

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Week 4



Video

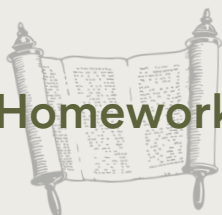
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Key Take Aways

- Jesus is our Perfect High Priest, superior to the old system of animal sacrifices and human priests.
- As believers, we are seated with Christ in heavenly realms and are called to be His companions.
- Jesus understands our weaknesses because He faced the same temptations we do, yet without sin.
- We now have direct access to God's throne room because of Jesus' sacrifice and role as our High Priest.



Homework

- Read and apply Practical Applications from this week's lesson
- Answer questions for homework
- Read chapters 8 - 10:18 of Hebrews

PARTICIPANT Homework



Key Scripture

Hebrew 4:14 NIV

Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess.

Questions

Read Hebrews 4:14-16. What stands out to you in this passage? How does it change your perspective on approaching God?

How does the concept of having 'boldness' to approach God's throne because of Jesus' role as High Priest affect your relationship with God?

Reflect on the quote from Dallas Willard: "To be a disciple of Jesus, we live our lives as though He were us." What would change in your life if you truly lived this way?

Responses

SESSION 5

Welcome

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Video

In this week's video, Sophia Garcia shares with us how Jesus was the perfect sacrifice.

Discussion

- What stood out to you most from the sermon about the differences between the Old and New Covenants?
- In what areas of your life do you find yourself still trying to 'earn' God's favor or forgiveness? How can you shift towards fully embracing the grace offered through the New Covenant?
- What does it mean to you that Jesus' sacrifice was "once and for all"? How does this impact your daily life and faith?
- How do we balance living in God's grace with the call to holy living?

Closing & Prayer

Encourage everyone to participate in homework and devotionals weekly. Close the session by praying together, asking God to help us to live in the New Covenant with the freedom and transformation it provides.

Homework

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Week 5



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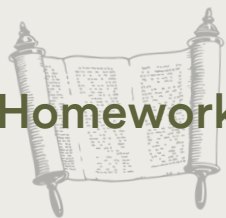
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Key Take Aways

- The Old Covenant required repeated animal sacrifices, which were only temporary solutions for sin.
- Jesus' sacrifice established the New Covenant, which is perfect, once-for-all, and transformative.
- Through the New Covenant, we receive true forgiveness, righteousness, and a transformed relationship with God.



Homework

- Read and apply Practical Applications from this week's lesson
- Answer questions for homework
- Read chapter 10:19 - 10:39 of Hebrews

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Key Scripture

Hebrews 10:16-18 NIV

“This is the covenant I will make with them after that time, says the Lord. I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds. 17 Then he adds: Their sins and lawless acts I will remember no more.” 18 And where these have been forgiven, sacrifice for sin is no longer necessary.

Questions

How does understanding the concept of the New Covenant change your perspective on your relationship with God? In what ways does it impact your daily walk with Christ?

Considering James 4:7-10, how does humbling ourselves before God relate to fully embracing the New Covenant? What might this look like in your life?

The messages emphasized that we can 'draw near to God with confidence'. What practical steps can you take to cultivate this confidence in your relationship with God?

Responses

SESSION 6

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Video

In this week's video, Ps. Celeste Gonzales shares how confidence in Christ empowers us to persevere.

Discussion

- What are some reasons people might lose their confidence in their walk with God? How can we guard against that?
- Hebrews 10:35 promises that confidence will be "richly rewarded." What do you think that reward looks like — both now and in eternity?
- How does having confidence in God's promises give us the strength to persevere when challenges make it tempting to give up?
- Where is God inviting you right now to hold onto confidence and keep persevering?

Closing & Prayer

Encourage everyone to participate in homework and devotionals weekly. Close the session by praying together, asking God to help us to walk through life's challenges with a confidence that is rooted in Christ.

Homework

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Week 6



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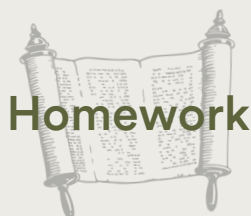
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Key Take Aways

- Biblical confidence is rooted in transparency and trust in God, not in our own abilities.
- God uniquely designed each of us for His glory; criticizing ourselves insults His creation.
- Bringing hidden things into the light in a safe environment can lead to freedom and confidence.
- Our confidence should be based on our identity in Christ, and His faithfulness, not on our past or present circumstances.
- God fulfills His purpose for us; we can be confident in His control over the outcome.



Homework

- Read and apply Practical Applications from this week's lesson
- Answer questions for homework
- Read chapter 11 - 12:3 of Hebrews

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Key Scripture

Hebrews 10:35-36 NIV

35 So do not throw away your confidence; it will be richly rewarded. 36 You need to persevere so that when you have done the will of God, you will receive what he has promised.

Questions

According to Hebrews 10:35-36, What role does perseverance play in fulfilling the will of God?

What are some promises of God that you can cling to when perseverance feels difficult?

In what specific areas of your life do you sense God calling you to greater perseverance right now? How can you respond in faith?

Responses

SESSION 7

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Video

In this week's video, Ashley Self shares how believers are to live a life of faith.

Discussion

- How would you define faith in your own words? How does this compare to the definition of "trusting God, believing Him" that we heard today?
- Today's message mentioned that our confidence is in the character of God. What aspects of God's character give you the most confidence in your faith?
- How does the concept of having 'assurance about what we do not see' apply to your daily life and decision-making as a believer?
- In what ways can we practically 'fix our eyes on Jesus' in a world full of distractions and competing priorities?

Closing & Prayer

Encourage everyone to participate in homework and devotionals weekly. Close the session by praying together, thanking God for the examples of faith we have in Scripture and in our lives. Ask for His help in growing our faith and running our spiritual race with perseverance.

Homework

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Week 7



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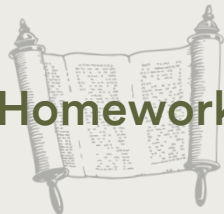
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Key Take Aways

- Faith is trusting God and believing Him, not just positive thinking or blind optimism.
- Our confidence in faith is anchored in the character of God.
- We have assurance in our faith through God's Word, like a title deed.
- Without faith, it is impossible to please God.
- We are encouraged by a "cloud of witnesses" who have demonstrated faith before us.



Homework

- Read and apply Practical Applications from this week's lesson
- Answer questions for homework
- Read chapter 12:4 - 13 of Hebrews

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Key Scripture

Hebrews 11:1-2 NIV

Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. 2 This is what the ancients were commended for.

Questions

Which hero of faith from Hebrews 11 resonates with you the most? Why?

Hebrews 11:6 states that without faith, it's impossible to please God. How does this statement challenge or encourage you in your spiritual walk?

Reflect on the imagery of running a race in Hebrews 12:1-3. What "hinders" or "entangles" you in your spiritual race? How can you "fix your eyes on Jesus" more effectively?

Responses

SESSION 8

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Video

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Discussion

- Today's message mentions that some people were abandoning their faith due to hardships. Why do you think difficult times can challenge our faith? How can we stay strong in our beliefs during these periods?
- How has enduring difficult situations in your life strengthened your faith? Can you share an example of a time when you had to 'run with endurance' in your spiritual journey?
- The sermon mentions that discipline is how we become more like Jesus. In what areas of your life do you feel God is currently disciplining or refining you?
- How can our endurance and faith impact others around us? Share an experience where someone else's faith encouraged you.

Closing & Prayer

Encourage everyone to participate in homework and devotionals weekly. Close the session by reading the prayer from Hebrews 13:20-21 over the group.

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Week 8



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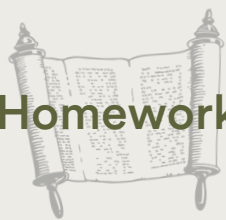
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Key Take Aways

- God calls us to run our race with endurance, even through hardships and challenges.
- Endurance produces character and hope in our lives.
- God's discipline is for our good, helping us become more like Jesus.
- Our endurance and discipline can inspire and strengthen others in their faith journey.



Homework

- Read and apply Practical Applications from this week's lesson
- Answer questions for homework

PARTICIPANT Homework



Key Scripture

Hebrews 12:11

No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it.

Hebrews 12:7

Endure hardship as discipline; God is treating you as his children.

Questions

Reflect on the concept of God's discipline as mentioned in Hebrews 12:7-8. How is it different from punishment? Why is it important for our spiritual growth?

Discipline produces character and hope. Can you recall a difficult season that, in retrospect, developed your character or renewed your hope? What was it?

Today's message draws a parallel between athletic discipline and spiritual discipline. In what areas of your spiritual life do you feel you need more discipline? How can you work on that?

Responses



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