

Personal Bible Study For Week Eight

Day: 1

Read Hebrews 11:1-19

1. Try to have a look at what the description of faith in verse one and what it really means. Do the same with verse 6 and 13. How does your faith measure up?
2. In spite of what did Abraham stay obedient?
3. Why did he do it?
4. On what did he depend when he was preparing to sacrifice his son?
5. Do you have such a very special life of living in faith? Is it possible for you to have it?
6. How do you know when God, in normal daily life, calls you to obedience and faith?
7. How does God test your faith?

Day: 2

Read Hebrews 11: 20-40

1. Faith is the driving force for the people mentioned here. Have a look at how it functioned in each of their lives.
2. What were these people capable of, because of their faith?
3. Do you think faith is something that grows? Explain your answer.
4. What connection is there between faith and growth?
5. What does your faith mean to you?

Day: 3

Read 1 Thessalonians 4: 1-12

1Th 4:10 And indeed ye do it toward all the brethren which are in all Macedonia: but we beseech you, brethren, that ye increase more and more;

1. What is meant by "that ye increase more and more?"
2. What is meant by verse 12?
3. Why does Paul say "brotherly love" and not love thy neighbor? Also have a look at 1 John 3:13-18 and 4:7-21.
4. How does this loving more and more show in your life?

Day: 4

Read 1 Thessalonians 4: 13-5: 11

1Th 4:14 Since Jesus died and broke loose from the grave, God will most certainly bring back to life those who died in Jesus.

1. What were the congregation's problems with "bring back to life those who died in Jesus?"
2. How did Paul resolve the problem?
3. How does Paul describe the life and ways of the unbeliever?
4. What is expected of the Christian in life while waiting for Christ?
5. What does Paul mean by: "So speak encouraging words to one another. Build up hope so you'll all be together in this, no one left out, no one left behind. I know you're already doing this; just keep on doing it.?"
6. How do you see it practiced in your congregation?

Day: 5

Read Hebrews 12: 1-11

Heb 12:1 Therefore since we also are surrounded with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight and the sin which so easily besets us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us

1. What is meant by "surrounded with so great a cloud of witnesses?"
2. What is the race that is spoken about here? How are you supposed to understand verse 1 and 2?
3. "You have not yet resisted unto blood, striving against sin." How are we supposed to understand verse 4, in the light of Jesus setting the example in suffering (verse 3)? How does this concern you?
4. To what end is the discipline for the believer? What does it prove to the believer? What is the purpose of the discipline?
5. How should your attitude be towards this discipline?

Day: 6

Read Hebrews 12: 12-29

1. What was the problem with those that the writer is addressing in verses 12-13?
2. What does his mean to you concerning your life?
3. What would have been the consequences of the sins mentioned here? How can it be applied today?
4. What is the meaning of verse 25 and what are the consequences for the one that disregards "Him?"
5. What does verse 29 say about striving towards holiness?

Group Bible Study For Week 8

Read Ephesians 4: 17-32

Verse 17:

Eph 4:17 This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that you should not walk from now on as other nations walk, in the vanity of their mind,

A life without a purpose, full of expectations that are going to end in disappointment. A life empty and without purpose and without God.

Verse 22:

For you ought to put off the old man (according to your way of living before) who is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts,

The "old" man with his sinful nature due to his connection with Adam.
Remove it like an old garment.

Verse 23:

and be renewed in the spirit of your mind.

A process of being "renewed" every day, a daily process

Verse 24:

And you should put on the new man, who according to God was created in righteousness and true holiness.

The new nature in man through becoming one with "Christ?"
Put on the new man like a new garment, a new piece of clothing.
Through God righteousness man is in the correct relationship with God.

Verse 29:

Let not any filthy word go out of your mouth, but if any is good to building up in respect of need, that it may give grace to the ones hearing.

Verse 30:

And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you are sealed until the day of redemption

The Holy Spirit is grieved by our sin.

1. Discuss the following statement: the building of the believer involves breaking down the old "Man"

2. What part of the "old Mans" life style is mentioned here? How does it compare to the "man" today? How does it compare to the "church " people?
3. What are the characteristics of the "new person" according to this piece of scripture? What do you think the congregations should be like according to this?
4. How can the breaking down and rebuilding process happen effectively in the congregation?
5. When does the believer grieve the Holy Spirit? What should be done about it to prevent it from happening?