Bible Study Questions

Everything You Ever Hoped For: True Worship

Focus

The kind of worship that is acceptable to our God who is a consuming fire is a life that loves God's people, upholds God's teaching on marriage and sex, and is not given to greed but is content with God Himself.

Read

Hebrews 13:1-6

Listen

CCNYC teaching on Hebrews which can be found on our <u>website</u>

As you study this passage on your own or with a small group of others, here are some questions for study, reflection, and application.

Questions for Review

(The purpose of these opening questions is to review the passage that was recently preached on in order to make sure that everyone understands the basic structure, events, people, and point of the passage.)

- 1. Work through some basic review questions for this passage for example:
 - What's the context? (Where are we in Hebrews; the New Testament; and the Bible as a whole?)
 - Who are the people and/or situations that this passage is addressing?
 - What clues are there about the author and his circumstances?
 - Is there a conflict or high point in this passage? (What is the structure of this passage that builds to that point?)
 - What was the main point or theme of this passage that was identified in Sunday's sermon?
 - What surprises are there in this passage?
- 2. What questions do you still have about this passage that you'd like to discuss?

Questions for Reflection and Application

(The purpose of these reflection questions is to help each other not just understand what the passage is saying, but to think more deeply about what it means so that we can then accurately apply it to our lives today.)

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- 1. The context in which the commands in these verses are given is especially important. What is that context and how does it inform the aim of these commands?
- 2. What are some ways we can 'let brotherly continue' in our church?
- 3. What would it look like for us to 'show hospitality to strangers'? In what way is this an expression of brotherly love?
- 4. In general, what would a ministry of hospitality look like in our context?
- 5. How can you go about 'remembering those who are in prison', particularly those in prison for their faith?
- 6. Why is our approach to marriage and sex such an important part of our worship to God?
- 7. How well are you obeying the commands of verse 5? How do you need to grow in your obedience in this area?
- 8. How does God's promise at the end of verse 5 equip you to obey the commands at the beginning of the verse?
- 9. How does the confidence expressed in verse 6 strengthen you to obey all the commands of this passage?

Ongoing questions to ask of any passage:

1. Has studying this passage in any way challenged your understanding about who God is and what He's like? If so, how so?

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- 2. In light of studying this passage, is there any behavior or attitude that you need to personally address in your life? If so, how specifically will you address it?
- 3. How does this passage help you to love, trust, and worship Jesus more fully?