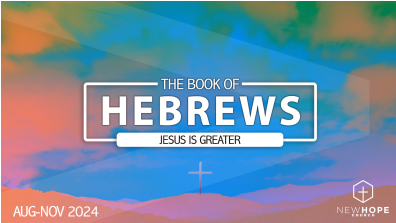


HEBREWS

Week 9 - OCT 6-12



New Hope | Small Groups



SMALL GROUP GUIDELINES:

SAFE GROUP: everyone can be real, open, and honest with their struggles and victories.

CONFIDENTIALITY: What is said in the group stays in the group.

LISTEN: really listening to what is being shared. Try to avoid thinking about how you are going to respond, or what you are going to say next.

PAUSE: Give the person sharing the chance to finish and the group the opportunity to consider what was just shared before responding.

NO "CROSS TALK": Be considerate of others as they are sharing. No side conversations.

NO FIXING: We are not here to fix each other. Jesus does that part. Give encouragement; speak truth, and point to Jesus.

NO RESCUING: When people are sharing something deeply personal resist the temptation to rescue them by giving advice. This will often cause them to stop sharing.

SHARING: Be sensitive about the amount of time you share.

BE SELF-AWARE: Be self-aware of how you are personally effecting the environment through your words, actions, and non-verbal communication.

USE "I" STATEMENTS: It's easy to talk about the issues of others, but for our purposes, we want you to put yourself on the table. Try to use "I" statements rather than "them", "the church", "us", "we", etc.

CONFLICT: When conflict or sin issues arise, we want to make sure that we are honoring God and each other in the way we deal with these issues.

Small Group Evening Schedule:

10min - Hangout time

5min - Welcome, Opening Prayer, Group Guidelines, Announcements
(It is good to review the guidelines on the left once a month)

OPENING QUESTIONS:

Was there any specific thing that you connected with from the message this Sunday? What point made the most impact for you?

Is there anything you'd like to go deeper in today that you heard?

40min - **Scripture: Read Hebrews 6:12-20**

Read the passage out loud together as a group. Perhaps have everyone or a few people read a couple of verses at a time through the passage. The author of Hebrews references Abraham as someone who, through patience and faith, inherited the promises of God. We're going to look back at the promises God gave him and the testing Abraham went through.

READ: Genesis 22:1-19

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

Would anything in your life right now benefit from imitating Abraham's example of patience and faith? Is there a promise that you are waiting on God for? What would it look like for you to patiently wait in faith?

Notice the phrase "*obtained the promise*" in Hebrews 6:15. What do you think it means? Discuss.

What is the "sure and steadfast anchor of the soul" this passage is talking about? Explain.

What are the two unchangeable things about God in Hebrews 6?

Share a time when you struggled with trusting God? Where was God in the midst of it? Where were you? How did you grow after it?

READ: Hebrews 7:22-28

How has Christ finished the oath that God made?

What can you do this week to deepen your trust in God?

10min - Share prayer requests & pray.

(one person write requests and email or text to the rest of the group)
