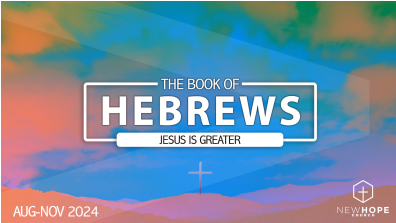


HEBREWS

Week 13 – NOV 3-9



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 – **Main Scripture: Hebrews 11:1-40**

Today we are going to read the passage in sections with discussion time after each part. Go ahead and read out loud together as a group. Perhaps have everyone or a few people read a couple of verses at a time through the passage. Today we dig into the importance of faith.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

Read Hebrews 11:1. In your own words, how would you describe what faith is?

Name one person you know who has lived a life of faith. What is it about their life that causes you to admire them? Describe their faith.

In Hebrews 11, are there any people or stories of faith that resonated with you personally? Why did their story mean something to you?

What was the end result of their faith?

READ 1 Peter 1:5-9

According to this passage, what do you receive because you live and act in faith?

How do you show any unbelievers who may be watching your life that you are living by faith?

What can you do this week to grow in your faith by acting on it?

10min - Share prayer requests & pray.

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