

## Hebrews Discussion Notes

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1. Start your time together by asking people to share their memories or traditions for Easter. Did they do Easter egg hunts when they were kids? Do they do them for their own children or grand children? Did they attend a Sunrise service on Easter Sunday?

2. We talked about four "Let us" passages in the book of Hebrews - read each passage and discuss some of the ways these apply to our lives today:

Hebrews 4:14-16 "Let us draw near with confidence to the throne of grace..."

The word "confidence" can also be translated "boldly" -

Why do you think we lack confidence or boldness when we pray?

Why should we be more confident and bold when we come to Jesus with our needs and concerns

What promise is provided at the end of verse 16?

Why is Jesus sympathetic with our human weaknesses and temptations?  
Compare Hebrews 2:17-18

Hebrews 10:19-25 "Let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds"

There are actually several "Let us" statements in these six verses. See how many you can find

What are some ways we can "encourage" each other to act in love and do good works?

Why do you think it is important for followers of Jesus to "not forsake the gathering together"

Why is it important to attend church and a small group?

What are some of the excuses that you hear people give for attending church or a Life Group?

Hebrews 12:1-2 "Let us run the race set before us...fixing our eye on Jesus"

Why do you think the author uses the image of an Olympic race to challenge his readers and us?

What can slow down or hinder or entangle a runner in the race? What can hinder our progress in living for Jesus personally?

Why do you think it is important for a runner to keep his eyes on the finish line and why is it important for us to keep our eyes on Jesus as we "run" and seek to live for him?

Hebrews 13:15-16 "Let us continually offer up spiritual sacrifices"

The topic of the offerings of animals in the OT sacrificial system is mentioned frequently in the letter to the Hebrews (Compare 7:26-27 / 9:11-14 / 10:3-4).

Why do you think the author instructs believers to offer up "spiritual sacrifices"? (13:15-16)

There are three different spiritual offerings mentioned in these two verses: Why are each important?

- A. Offering up "praise and thanksgiving"
- B. Offering up "doing good" ie. good works, doing good to others as a way to honor God

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- C. Sharing - sharing our material goods and our money (compare Philippians 4:14-19)
3. Which one of these four "Let us..." passages caught your attention? How will you apply it in your life this week??