

Moving Forward with Faith

Insights from Hebrews 13:10-16
Pastor Bob Johnson, June 28th, 2020

I. Two Pictures Moving Forward (v10-14)

(Leviticus 16, Hebrews 9:22)

II. Three Practices Moving Forward (v15-16)

1) The Sacrifice of ...

(1 Peter 2:9, Daniel 6:10)

2) The Sacrifice of ...

(1 Peter 2:11-12, Colossians 3:17)

3) The Sacrifice of ...

How?

- Be **S** _____
(1 Corinthians 16:1-2)

- Be **S** _____
(2 Corinthians 9:6-8)

- Be **S** _____
(1 Timothy 1:5)

This Week's Discussion Guide:

Welcome to our last week of this 11 week study of Hebrews 11-13! What a journey this season has been as we have walked together through this pandemic season.

At GPC we believe we are better together and hope that you were encouraged and stretched to mature in your faith as we have met together for this small group season.

Our groups will be taking a summer break starting next week and will start back up in the fall.

Getting Started:

For our last meeting until the fall, how has participating in our group these past weeks helped you?

Was there a specific time, topic, discussion, conversation or study that stands out to you from the weeks we have met together that you are more grateful for?

If you were asked by someone not in one of our small groups at GPC why they should consider participating in one this fall, what would you say based on your experience these past weeks?

Regarding the next few months, even with the limitations we are all experiencing, it is good to have some things to look forward to. The title of Bob's message last Sunday was 'Moving Forward With Faith'. Speaking of moving forward, what are some things you are looking forward to in the next few months?

Bob shared about 'two pictures' that was described in Hebrews 13:10-15. Speaking of pictures ... what is one or two of your favorite pictures you have?

Why are these pictures so meaningful to you?

Quick Review:

Let's re-read Hebrews 13:10-16

From this passage and Sunday's message, and looking back at your notes, was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged, confused you, encouraged you, or stretched your thinking?

Digging Deeper:

1. From Hebrews 13:10-16, the first sacrifice we are encouraged to offer up to God is praise.

More specifically, to speak positively about God to others that have yet to become a Christian. There is a difference between 'grumbling about God' (which is the opposite of offering up a sacrifice of praise) and 'grumbling to God'.

God wants us to be honest with Him even when we are struggling. The Psalms are full of examples of David voicing his complaints to God.

What can you learn from the following passages about what 'acceptable complaining to God' looks like?

Psalm 6:1-10

Psalm 13:1-6

Psalm 142:1-7

Is there a point where complaining reveals a lack of trust?

2. One of the significant ways we 'do good' to others is by how we talk to them. The Apostle Peter is a great case study on the use and abuse of words.

Through his words he benefited many, and at other times his words were not as helpful, edifying or even honest.

Read the following passages and make a note of any insights you can learn from Peter's successes, failures and his teachings about our speech.

Matthew 16:13-23

Matthew 26:69-75

Acts 2:36-41

1 Peter 3:8-18

How did Peter's awareness of the impact of his words change over time?

What do you think it takes to become truly aware of the impact of your words?

Wrapping Up:

Looking back on the message from Sunday and from our discussion, what is one truth that stands out to you that you can prayerfully ask God to help apply to your life somehow?

Praying Up: :)

Before we wrap up our sharing time, let's prayer for one another including how we can pray for one another for the next few months?