

HEBREWS

STUDY 14 – HEB 13:1-25



Read Hebrews 13:1-25

It is clear that this passage is a summary of the letter to the Hebrews, and that the writer has tried to squeeze a lot of ideas into a small passage. In answering the following questions try to bear in mind the things that we have learnt throughout this series as a whole.

1. Why do you believe that we as Christians are called to entertain strangers? (v2)

It is to be seen as an important part of Christian service, as we never know who that person may be, or what God has planned for them. We are called not only to love our brothers and sisters in Christ, but all other people as well.

2. Why do you think that the writer is so concerned about leaders? (v7, 17, 24)

He understands the value of good Christian leadership, and paying careful attention to that. God has put these people in their position, and has given them understanding in order to provide guidance, support and encouragement. Good leaders are to be seen as an example of living the Christian faith (a challenge to us as leaders!).

3. What kind of strange teachings does it seem were circulating at the time this letter was written? (v9-10)

Generally there was a desire to be returning to the Old Testament laws. It meant that they were basing their faith on tradition and rules, and not on Jesus.

4. What does it mean to 'go to Jesus outside the camp'? (v13. Hint: read Exodus 29:14)

From the Exodus passage we learn that sin offerings were made outside the camp. We are to go to Jesus therefore as our sin offering 'outside the camp'. It also means that we will therefore leave behind our old way of living, and focus on Jesus.

5. What is the significance of Jesus having been brought back from the dead through blood? (v20)

A blood sacrifice indicates that there is forgiveness of sins (this is grace).

6. The letter finishes with urgency, and an importance to what has been written. In what ways have you been encouraged by the letter as a whole?

This is a chance for some reflection over the letter as a whole, and to recap and draw together what this letter has been on about.

7. In what ways are you going to practically change the way you have been living in response to reading the letter to the Hebrews?

Again, thinking through the letter as a whole, this is a chance to write down some specific application that they are able to take away and practically apply to their lives.

8. Make a list of people that you know whom you would like to see called back to God. Also list some people that you are keen to invite to youth group, church, or bible study.

Further practical application.