



## HEBREWS 13 DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Week of 12/12/21

**Icebreaker:** What's your all-time favorite Christmas movie? What do you love about it?

Read the passage, then select 2-3 questions from below to discuss together.

1. It's likely that chapter 13 unpacks what the author means by "acceptable worship" in 12:28. When you think of worship, what kinds of actions or attitudes come to your mind?

Looking at this chapter, what areas of life does worship include?

2. "Brotherly" (or "sisterly") love among non-siblings is a distinctively Christian idea.<sup>1</sup> As you read the verses that follow, how do the numerous commands correspond to this idea of brotherly love?

3. Christians are called to live in a way that demonstrates hospitality, even to strangers. What does it mean to be hospitable? How does hospitality compare to the desire to impress people?

What does hospitality look like in your LifeGroup and other communities you're a part of at Calvary?

4. Marriage and money are two areas of life where many encounter struggles and pain. What can we learn from verses 4-6 that can help us live according to God's design for both?

5. Verses 7 and 17 instruct us on how to think about our leaders, past and present. What is the rationale for remembering and imitating them in verse 7, and for obeying and submitting to them in verse 17?

Are these instructions welcome reminders to you, or do you find them difficult to follow? Why?

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<sup>1</sup> NT scholar, William Lane, explains that the term for brotherly love in the first century "was restricted to the love of those who were actual brothers and sisters...The expansion of the term to include men and women beyond the immediate family was considered ludicrous." Its application to fellow believers stems from Jesus' ministry (see, for example, Matt 23:8).

6. “Outside the camp” was the place away from God’s presence and where unclean or dishonoring things were discarded. What do you think it means, then, in verses 13-16 for us to “go to [Jesus] outside the camp and bear the reproach he endured”?

Has there been an area of your life where following Christ led to some form of disgrace or insult?

7. We’ve covered a lot (and skipped over a lot) in this series! What’s one thing from Hebrews that you want to remember or put into practice?