

Week 42 – Questions to Consider

Hebrews 2-6

Fun Small Group Warm Up Question:

What is one thing you would want to be sure to do before you die?

1. Have you ever gone swimming in the ocean? What happens when you ignore the pull of the tide? Why are we warned that “we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard”? (Hebrews 2:1)
2. Read Hebrews 2:6. What amazes you about Jesus paying attention to you and caring for you?
3. How does it comfort you to know that, even though we “do not yet see everything in subjection to” Jesus, God “left nothing outside his control” (Hebrews 2:8)? How is Satan ultimately defeated (Hebrews 2:15)?
4. What does it mean that Jesus made “propitiation for the sins of the people” (Hebrews 2:17)? Why is it so significant that Jesus “had to be made like his brothers in every respect” (Hebrews 2:17) and “he himself has suffered when tempted” (Hebrews 2:18)?
5. When you look at a building, isn’t it obvious that there is an architect and a builder? Why then do atheists look at Creation and try to deny the existence of a designer and Creator? Why is important that we have the reminder that “the builder of a house has more honor than the house itself” and that “the builder of all things is God” (Hebrews 3:3-4)?
6. When have you been tempted to “harden your hearts” against God (Hebrews 3:8)? What are some symptoms of a hardened spirit? What are the dangers?
7. How do we avoid and warn others about turning away “from the living God” by “the deceitfulness of sin” (Hebrews 3:12-13)? How are we deceived by sin? What does it promise? What does it actually do?
8. Read Hebrews 3:14. What is one evidence of true, saving faith? Why is the example of Israel’s rebellion in the Exodus used to help us understand this reality? How is Jesus better than Moses? Why then is our rebellion against Jesus more serious than Israel’s rebellion against Moses? Why is Heaven described as where we enter God’s rest (Hebrews 4:3-4)?
9. As you have grown as a Christian, how have you experienced the Bible to be “living and active” (Hebrews 4:12)?
10. Why is it important to understand that Jesus is our “great high priest”? What does that mean? How is he better than any other priest in all of history? (Hebrews 4:14-5:10)

More questions at: www.southfork.church/2022-discussion-questions

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- Hebrews 1:1–2 “Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, [2] but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world.”
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- Ephesians 4:12–14 “to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, [13] until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, [14] so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes.”

3 Steps to Avoid a Dangerous Drift:

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This Next Week’s New Testament Reading Plan:

Week 43: Hebrews 7-11

- **Hope & Purpose in Jesus:** www.southfork.church/jesus
- **Daily Verse by Text Message:** remind.com/join/sfbcdevo
- **Our Plan:** www.southfork.church/2022-bible-reading-plan

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