

Understanding Hebrews

Sermon Based Life Group Notes for the week of December 2

Getting To Know Each Other

- How are you like your mother or father? Are your physical looks like theirs? Is your personality or abilities similar?

Into the Bible

Read Hebrews 1:1-12

- In verse 1, what was the function of the Old Testament prophets? What was the result of their preaching? Did the people repent? If so, for how long?
- How was Jesus' function similar to that of the prophets?
- Who is Jesus? How many functions did he do in verses 2-4?
- In verses 5-12, what new facts does the author add to Jesus' resume'? These verses were originally written to describe God the Father, but now describe Jesus. What does that imply?
- When you celebrate Jesus, the Christ-child, this Christmas - who is He really?
- Jesus is God in flesh (John 1:14). How does that fact relate to the Virgin Birth?

Read Hebrews 2:1-4, 14-18

- Because of persecution and the suffering of the Jewish Christians, they were tempted to leave the faith and return to Judaism. Why shouldn't they? Verses 1-2
- What proof has been given to the people that Jesus is better than Judaism? V. 3-4
- Why was it important that Jesus was God in human flesh? Verses 14-18
- Why was it important that Jesus suffered?
- Application: Have you ever suffered so much that you were tempted to drift away from the faith? What happened?

Read Hebrews 4:12-16

- How is God's Word active and alive?
- Why is Jesus a better High Priest than the Jewish priests?
- When we are hurting, full of sin, or lost, what are we to do? Verse 16
- Application: How have you seen God's Word active and alive in your life?

Read Hebrews 9:24-28, 10:22-25

- How is Jesus' death on the cross different than the priests offering sacrifices?
- Since Jesus died once, to forgive all our sins, our forgiveness and salvation have been guaranteed. What should our response be?
- Because of our salvation, how do we respond to others? See 10:22-25
- In verses 24-25, why is it important to keep meeting with each other and encouraging each other? Why do we have to use our "spurs" sometimes?