STUDY

Hebrews Bible Study Questions and Answers (Free PDF)

An 11-session walk through Hebrews, from the Son who is greater than angels to the call to run with endurance, with an answer key for leaders. Free to print, no sign-up.

An 11-session study of Hebrews for groups or solo reading.

> *For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.*
>
> **Hebrews 4:12 (NIV)**

> *Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.*
>
> **Hebrews 4:16 (NIV)**

> *We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure. It enters the inner sanctuary behind the curtain,*
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> **Hebrews 6:19 (NIV)**

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The study guide

SESSION 1 · HEBREWS 1:1-14

The Son Above All

God has spoken his final word in his Son, who made the universe, shines with God's glory, and is far greater than the angels.

1. How does Hebrews 1:1-2 compare the way God spoke before with the way he speaks now, and what does Hebrews 1:3 say about the Son?

2. Why does the writer stress that the Son is greater than the angels (Hebrews 1:4-6), and what does Hebrews 1:8 call him?

3. If God has spoken most fully in Jesus, how does that shape the way you listen to him this week?

SESSION 2 · HEBREWS 2:1-18

Do Not Drift

Because the Son is so great, we must pay careful attention. He became like us, shared our suffering, and broke the power of death.

1. What warning does Hebrews 2:1-3 give, and what did Jesus do in Hebrews 2:9?

2. Why did Jesus share in our flesh and blood (Hebrews 2:14-15), and why did he have to be made like us in every way (Hebrews 2:17-18)?

3. Where do you feel yourself drifting, and what small step could bring you back near?

SESSION 3 · HEBREWS 3:1-4:13

Greater Than Moses, and God's Rest

Jesus is faithful as a Son over God's house, as Moses was as a servant in it. The people who hardened their hearts in the wilderness are a warning, and a rest still waits for God's people.

1. How does Hebrews 3:1-6 compare Moses and Jesus, and what happened to the people who hardened their hearts (Hebrews 3:16-19)?

2. What is the rest that still remains for the people of God (Hebrews 4:1-2, 4:8-11), and how is the word of God described in Hebrews 4:12-13?

3. What is one way you can encourage someone today so that no one is hardened by sin's deceit (Hebrews 3:13)?

SESSION 4 · HEBREWS 4:14-5:10

A Great High Priest

Jesus is a high priest who knows our weakness, and he invites us to come boldly to the throne of grace.

1. What do Hebrews 4:14-16 say about Jesus as our high priest, and what does Hebrews 5:7-8 say about his suffering?

2. Why does the writer say a high priest must be called by God and able to deal gently with the weak (Hebrews 5:1-4), and how does Jesus fit this (Hebrews 5:5-6, 5:9-10)?

3. What burden could you bring to the throne of grace today?

SESSION 5 · HEBREWS 5:11-6:20

Growing Up and Holding Fast

The writer calls his readers to grow up in Christ, gives a sober warning, and then points to God's unbreakable promise as an anchor for the soul.

1. What does the writer say is wrong with his readers in Hebrews 5:11-14, and what does he say in Hebrews 6:4-6?

2. How do faithful readers understand Hebrews 6:4-6, and what does the writer say in Hebrews 6:9-12 and 6:17-19 to comfort his readers?

3. What is one step of growth you could take, and where do you need the anchor of hope?

SESSION 6 · HEBREWS 7:1-28

The Priest Like Melchizedek

Jesus is a priest forever in the order of Melchizedek. His priesthood does not end, and he lives to pray for those who come to God through him.

1. What does Hebrews 7:1-3 say about Melchizedek, and what does Hebrews 7:11-19 say the old priesthood could not do?

2. Why does it matter that Jesus lives forever and offered himself once for all (Hebrews 7:23-27)?

3. What comfort do you find in knowing Jesus always lives to intercede for you (Hebrews 7:25)?

SESSION 7 · HEBREWS 8:1-9:28

A Better Covenant

Jesus serves in the true sanctuary in heaven. By his own blood he sealed a new covenant and dealt with sin once for all.

1. What does Hebrews 8:1-6 say about where Jesus serves, and what does the new covenant promise in Hebrews 8:10-12?

2. What did Christ's blood do that the blood of animals could not (Hebrews 9:11-14, 9:22-26)?

3. What would it mean to serve the living God with a cleansed conscience this week (Hebrews 9:14)?

SESSION 8 · HEBREWS 10:1-39

One Sacrifice, One Life of Faith

One offering has made us holy for all time. We can draw near with confidence, hold on to hope, and encourage one another until the day comes.

1. Why could the old sacrifices not take away sins (Hebrews 10:1-4), and what did Jesus do instead (Hebrews 10:10-14)?

2. What three calls does Hebrews 10:22-25 give, and how does the warning in Hebrews 10:26-31 relate to the encouragement in Hebrews 10:32-39?

3. How does meeting with other believers help you hold on to hope, and what makes it hard?

SESSION 9 · HEBREWS 11:1-40

By Faith

Faith trusts what God has promised before it sees it. From Abel to Rahab, God's people lived as strangers looking for a better country.

1. How does Hebrews 11:1 describe faith, and which men and women does the chapter name?

2. Why does the writer say the people of faith saw the promises only from a distance (Hebrews 11:13-16), and what does Hebrews 11:39-40 add?

3. What promise of God are you waiting on, and what would it look like to trust him with it?

SESSION 10 · HEBREWS 12:1-29

Run the Race

Surrounded by witnesses, we are called to throw off what hinders, fix our eyes on Jesus, and accept the Father's loving discipline.

1. What does Hebrews 12:1-3 tell us to do, and what does Hebrews 12:5-11 say about discipline?

2. Why does the writer point to Jesus in Hebrews 12:2-3, and what does discipline produce (Hebrews 12:10-11)?

3. What is one thing that slows you down in the race, and what would it look like to lay it aside?

SESSION 11 · HEBREWS 13:1-25

Living Out the Faith

The letter ends with practical love, honest contentment, and worship outside the camp. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

1. What practical commands does Hebrews 13:1-6 give, and what does Hebrews 13:8 say about Jesus?

2. What does it mean to go to Jesus outside the camp (Hebrews 13:12-14), and what sacrifices does Hebrews 13:15-16 say please God?

3. Where could you show hospitality or generosity this week, and what would help you be content?