

COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

The week of Sunday, November 4th

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Prayer and Praise:

Think about God's attributes or character traits. Spend some time together praising God for who He is.

As disciples of Christ, we are commanded to "make disciples" (Matt 28:19). How could we encourage one another to be about this important task?

After prayer, please continue praising God through song: #216 – *Oh for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*.

Together in the Word:

1. Read Hebrews 12:25-29. What are some of the differences between the Old Covenant (or the Mosaic Covenant) and the New Covenant? _____

2. In v. 27, what are "the things which cannot be shaken"? _____

3. In v. 28, what does it mean to "serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear"? _____

4. How is our fearing of the Lord different than the fearing of the Lord displayed by the Israelites at Mt. Sinai? _____

5. What does it mean that God is a "consuming fire" (v. 29)? _____

6. What are some practices that you currently do or could begin doing to remind yourself that God should be approached in reverence and awe? _____

Sermon Prep: Read Hebrews 13

OUR GOD IS A CONSUMING FIRE

Hebrews 12:25-29

Series #37

The following are questions designed to facilitate greater learning and deeper understanding of spiritual truths presented in the sermon: **"Our God is a Consuming Fire."** All of the questions are answered as the sermon is presented. We hope that it will be a catalyst to spiritual growth in your life.

1. What is one of the most controversial and most contested books in the New Testament?
2. How many times is the word, "better" used in the book of Hebrews?
3. The controversy in Hebrews comes because the letter has five what?
4. Some see the warning passages as warnings about what?
5. Others view the warning passages as indicators of what?
6. A third view of the warning passages is that the author is warning about neglecting your salvation by doing what?
7. The best approach to the book is to take the entire content as directed towards whom?
8. As a result of all they were going through, the recipients were beginning to get what?
9. What was recognized as a religion under Roman law?

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10. From the Old Testament we know that “salvation” in the Jewish mind wasn’t what?
11. According to Hebrews 2:1-3, the writer says we’d better not drift away and neglect our great salvation or we will what?
12. What was the result of the disobedience of the Jews after they had been delivered from Egypt?
13. In Hebrews 6:4-9, is the author writing about spiritual salvation or physical salvation?
14. When did judgment come on the Jews?
15. Did the Jewish believers respond rightly to the letter of Hebrews?
16. How many Jewish believers died in the Roman war in A.D. 70?
17. What was a terrifying experience for the people at Mt. Sinai?
18. The author reminds the readers of the terror and fear associated with what?
19. Where, in Scripture, do we find the shaking of the universe described in great detail (several references)?
20. God is going to shake the entire universe and destroy all of man’s kingdoms to prepare the way for what?
21. King Nebuchadnezzar had a dream about a stone being supernaturally cut out of a mountain. Who was represented by this stone?
22. Verse 28 talks about a kingdom that cannot be what?
23. The author of Hebrews is NOT warning the recipients about losing what?
24. The author exhorts the recipients to continue in the path of grace to do what with reverence and godly fear?
25. There is a proper kind of what (that we should have today)?
26. Why were the Israelites so afraid at Mt. Sinai when God established the Old Covenant and gave the Mosaic Law?
27. Both Moses and the people were afraid because there was nothing to shield them from what?
28. God, in His perfect holiness, is never to be treated how?
29. We serve and live for God with what kind of attitude?
30. Are you guilty of throwing out reverence and awe of God?
31. How many “our God is…” statements are found in the Bible?
32. Is there a contradiction between God being love and God being a consuming fire?
33. How many ancient writers tell us what the response was to the letter, “Hebrews”?
34. Are you obeying the Word of God?
35. Are you being faithful to the Lord?
36. Are you settling for second best?