

Small Group Discussion Guide – Read Hebrews 13:1-3

-In Romans 12:1, Paul tells Christians that they are to present themselves as “living sacrifices”? How is that same idea seen here in Hebrews 13? (see also 12:28) What does it mean to live a “life of acceptable worship”? If worship is more than singing songs and hearing sermons, then what does it look like to worship Jesus with your life?

How does the command in verse 1 to 'let brotherly love continue' serve as the foundation for the other commands that follow in Hebrews 13? (*You could walk through the chapter together as a group and explore how each of the following commands connects to this principle*)

- Why is this “familial” love so special? Why does he say, “let brotherly love, continue.” Why is it important for love to continue among believers, especially in difficult times?

-Where were you challenged most today in your ‘love’ for your fellow brothers and sisters in our church family?

-What is biblical hospitality? How does hospitality “showcase” God’s love in Christ? Why do you think the 21st-century Christian’s application of this command in vs. 3 appears to be so much different than the habit of these 1st-century believers to whom he writes? (see also Romans 12:13; 1 Peter 4:9; Acts 2:42-47; 3 John 5)

-Despite the cultural context of this command in vs. 2, how should the application of this transcend time and history and apply to us today? What might be some practical ways of showing hospitality to fellow Christians, in a culture where this isn’t always the norm? What about even non-Christians in your life? What opportunities might this provide?

-In vs. 2, why might the author connect something as ordinary as hospitality with something as extraordinary as “entertaining angels?”

-In vs. 3, what does it mean to “remember those who are in prison” as if we were in prison with them? What is ‘empathy’? How is it so powerful in demonstrating Christian love? How can we apply this to our own empathy toward suffering Christians today?

-What is one way you were challenged or encouraged today to take steps in obedience to Christ? How can we pray for one another that God would help us grow in mutual love for one another, hospitality, and empathy?