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*NOTE: Our lesson questions are based on the NIV 2011 edition. Our preference is your first time through the questions, you answer without consulting commentaries - delight in what the Holy Spirit will reveal to you.*

LESSON 23

 HEBREWS 13:1-14

1. How did last week’s lesson on **Hebrews 12:4-29** expand your understanding of God’s love and His best for you, and what effect did it have on your life this week?

2. Pray and ask God to open your eyes to those areas where He is asking you to grow personally as you read the author’s final exhortations in **Hebrews 13:1-14**. Capture the main instructions given and share which of them pokes at you today?

3. How do **V1-2** encourage you to show love to others? Would you say that living out these commands comes easy to you? Why or why not?

4. What is commanded in **V3**? What does this reveal about God’s heart?

5. Looking at **V4**,what are God’s priorities for marriage? In your opinion, why is God so adamant about sexual purity?

6. Read **V5-6**.

a) What are the clear instructions and assurances in these verses? Why do you think these are mentioned together?

b) In what way do you struggle with discontentment or insecurity? How will you ask your group to pray for you?

7. As you reflect on the leaders who speak the Word of God to you consistent with **V7**,what aspects of their faith would you like God to help you imitate?

8. What does **V8** mean to you and how does knowing this anchor your faith?

9. The author compares “strange teachings” or heresies about ceremonial food with being strengthened by grace in **V9-12**. Do your best to explain why Jesus’ sacrifice and the heavenly altar are better than any earthly altar or ritual.

10. It is understood by the author and recipients of this letter that there is a price to pay for following Jesus. What powerful truth is noted in **V13-14** and how would it encourage believers who were “bearing the disgrace He bore”?

11. CONSIDER JESUS: THE BETTER LOVE

This lesson highlights God’s immense love for us and His expectation that we will in turn extend this love to others by living a life focused on people, purity and contentment. It calls us to hold fast to truth over the strange teachings of the world, with our eyes focused not on present circumstances but on our eternal life with Christ. Consider the verses below and write a prayerful response to each, letting go of lesser loves for His better love.

**• Psalm 36:7**

**• Zephaniah 3:17**

**• John 3:16**

**• Romans 8:37-39**

**• Ephesians 3:16-19**

**MEMORY VERSE**

*“Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.” Hebrews 13:8*

**NAME PRAYER REQUEST**