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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 24

 HEBREWS 13:15-25

1. How did last week’s study in **Hebrews 13:1-14** pierce your heart and prompt you to live or love differently?

2. Before reading the closing passage of **Hebrews**,chapter **13:15-25**, pray and ask for God to give you new insight about how to praise and honor Him in your daily life. Summarize the final action items given and share what you learn of the author’s passion for the believers?

3. a) Considering all we’ve learned about what these Hebrew believers faced, why would the writer refer to the offering of praise as a “sacrifice” in **V15**?

b) In what recent situation have you openly professed His Name? Or why are you hesitant to tell others about Jesus?

4. What are the sacrifices that please God from **V16**? Name a specific way you could honor this instruction this week.

5. a) According to **V17**,how are believers challenged to treat their leaders and what reason is given?What other verses come to mind to encourage you?

b) What is the role of leaders and what sobering thoughts about that role are given in the verse?

6. How does the writer of Hebrews, a church leader, exhibit confidence and humility in **V18-19**?

7. Find the attributes and other descriptors of God contained in the benediction in **V20-21**. What are the responsibilities of the believer according to these verses?

8. Use a dictionary to better understand the meaning of the word “exhortation” included in **V22**. Which of the exhortations in this letter will you most take to heart and remember? Refer to your Main Thing sheet to refresh your memory.

9. Reflect on the final details provided by the author in **V23-25**. How might they encourage the early readers of **Hebrews** about their circumstances and place in the Lord’s family?

10. CONSIDER JESUS: THE BETTER PRAISE

We live in a world where praise is freely and often given for superficial things such as beauty, wealth, status and personal accomplishments. Such praise elevates self, but the author of Hebrews exhorts believers, through Jesus, to continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise - the fruit of lips that openly profess His name (**Hebrews 12:15**). Make note of how the below passages of Scripture highlight Jesus as the better and more worthy praise.

**• 1 Chronicles 16:23-27**

**• Psalm 96:7-10**

**• Ephesians 1:3-10**

**• 1 Peter 4:10-11**

**• Revelation 4:9-11**

**MEMORY VERSE**

*“Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise - the fruit of lips that openly profess His name.” Hebrews 13:15*

**NAME PRAYER REQUEST**