

"Let's Get Practical"
Hebrews 13:1-6

Ice Breaker:

- Describe the relationship you had with your siblings growing up. Was it characterized more as "brotherly love" or "iron sharpens iron"?
- Many people claim they are not interested in Christianity because of hypocritical Christians. Is this a valid excuse? Why or why not?

Read: Hebrews 13:1-6

1. What insight, principle or observation did you find to be most fresh, eye-opening or troubling? Explain.
2. Are you a compassionate person? Why or why not?
3. What are five reasons why you do not reach out to others in hospitality?
4. Name two people who are "strangers" that God is nudging you to be hospitable toward. What action will you do for them?
5. What "baby steps" will you begin to do this week to obey God's command of hospitality?
6. Who is someone you know that has been ill-treated, ignored, marginalized? What will you do to engage with and encourage them this week??
7. Are you a contented person? Why or why not?
8. In what way is God's presence an antidote for discontentment? V.5-6
9. What will you do this week to honor marriage?
10. What will keep you from loving money?
11. What fear will you turn over to God?

Pray with each other:

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Every chapter leading up to Hebrews 13 has been laying the foundation of faith in Christ. Jesus is greater than anything else. Those precepts we've studied for the past year now set up the practical. What we truly think about God (vertical) determines our relationship and practice of love toward others (horizontal). Our love for God sets us up to love people well. How do I thankfully worship God? Let's look at the practical specifics laid out for us in chapter 13.

My thankful worship to God is revealed through...

1. Compassion v.1-3

A. The way I love v.1

B. The way I welcome v.2

C. The way I care v.3

2. Contentment v.4-6

A. The way I view my sexuality v.4

B. The way I view my money v.5-6

Next Step:

- Ask yourself: What are five reasons I don't reach out in biblical hospitality?

- What's one thing from this study that helps you move toward contentment?