

GROUPS

STUDY GUIDE

Why Would I Prepare **BEFORE** My Lighthouse Group?

Reading, thinking, and praying about the primary passage your Lighthouse Group is studying ahead of time may be one of the most pivotal ways to make your Lighthouse Group discussions powerful and meaningful. When you do prepare beforehand, you're coming with thoughtful insights and ideas you've been wrestling through. That's different from grabbing at the most accessible thoughts in real time.

How Do I Prepare **BEFORE** My Lighthouse Group?

1 | PRAY

Ask God to open your eyes, mind, and spirit to His truth. Your desire is not to "get the right answer," but rather to know Him as He has revealed Himself so that you can trust and rely on Him more fully.

2 | READ

Read the main passage. Consider reading the same passage in multiple versions, like ESV, NIV, AMP, and NLT. All of these can be found at BibleGateway.com. For better context, read the paragraphs before and after the study passage as well.

3 | REFLECT

What does this passage teach you about God? Maybe something to praise Him for? Does this passage reveal an area of your life you should confess as sin to God? What does this passage lead you to ask God for? How does this passage point to Jesus' work on the cross and out of the grave? Think through some of the questions you'll be discussing during your Lighthouse Group time

4 | WRITE

This is when you cross over from reading into study – writing down truth that you are discovering. Write down questions that come to mind as you are reading. We've included space on the next page of this guide for you to write down insights, questions, and more that you can bring up in your Lighthouse Group discussion time.

PREP BEFORE GROUP

PRIMARY PASSAGE: HEBREWS 13:11-16

WRITE YOUR INSIGHTS & QUESTIONS

ADDITIONAL CROSS-REFERENCES: Leviticus 16:27; John 4:19-26; Acts 16:22-34; Romans 3:21-26; 1 Peter 2:5.

DISCUSSION GUIDE

For the week of: March 23-29, 2026

1 | PRAY: Ask the Holy Spirit to lead your group in truth and spiritual growth.

2 | WARM-UP QUESTION: When you discover something you really like—a new food, song, restaurant, TV show, etc.—do you like to tell your friends how you discovered it and how much you love it?

3 | READ HEBREWS 13:11-16

Once you've read the passage, close your Bibles and ask the group to tell from memory what it's about. Invite everyone to join in by asking, "Does the writer begin?" and "What is the reader urged to do?" and finally, "Was there anything else?"

4 | OBSERVATION QUESTIONS

From the title of this book and its opening lines in 1:1-2, what can we know about its intended audience?

Once Rome destroyed the temple in Jerusalem, the Jewish sacrificial rituals described here could no longer be followed. How were God's people to worship after that?

What did the animal sacrifices represent? Why were the old temple rituals no longer necessary?

5 | TRUTH QUESTIONS

When is it a sacrifice to praise God? Where and how can we offer this sacrifice?

What does it mean to seek this "city which is to come"?

How do the sacrifices mentioned here (praise, doing good, and sharing with others) differ from the animal sacrifices in the Old Testament? In what ways are they similar?



6 | APPLICATION QUESTIONS

Is it appropriate to praise God when I'm hurting and confused?

What are my favorite ways to worship God? Do I care if this worship pleases Him, or am I more concerned with how it makes me feel?

Does God's grace move me to tell others about Him? What opportunities do I have to do that?

Based on our discussion, how should we pray? With whom should we share our adoration of God? Is the Holy Spirit leading us to spend the rest of our time in worship and praise?

NEXT STEPS AFTER GROUP


1 | SCRIPTURE FOCUSED

- Verse to Memorize
- Other Passages to Read

2 | PRAYER FOCUSED

- How can you pray for people in your group this week?
- Is the Holy Spirit speaking to you about something you need to repent of and turn over to Jesus?
- How are you going to respond to this truth and put it into action?

3 | OTHERS FOCUSED

- Did anyone in your group share a need that you might be gifted to help with?
- Consider inviting a friend from group to meet up for a meal or a hang-out time.
- Is the Holy Spirit bringing someone to mind with whom you can share the things you've learned today?

