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Living out our God-given calling as we follow Jesus and make disciples every day.

Introduction

As followers of Christ, Hebrews 13 challenges us to step beyond comfort and security into the world where true needs exist. This passage reminds us that just as Jesus was sacrificed outside the city, we too are called to move beyond familiar boundaries. Let's explore how God might be urging us to leave our spiritual camp to engage with and serve the communities around us. Consider where you might be called to act, serve, and sacrifice, and how joining Jesus outside the camp can transform lives, including our own.

<u>Disciple Measure</u>

Force for Good: How is my faith changing the world around me?

Notes:

Discussion Questions

Missions Sunday

HIGHLIGHT

Have someone read aloud...

Hebrews 13:10-13

EXPLAIN

Discuss the following questions...

Opening Question: What's one time you had to step outside your comfort zone? What was the result?

- 1. How does Hebrews compare the Old Testament sacrificial system to the sacrifice of Jesus?
- 2. How do the examples of Hebrews 13 call us to live sacrificially, outside of our comfort zone?
- 3. How does the persecution of Jewish Christians help us understand the encouragement found in Hebrews to "go to Him outside the camp?"
- 4. What challenges do people face when trying to move outside their comfort zone to engage in mission work, and how can they overcome them?

Application Questions Notes:

APPLY

Have someone read aloud Romans 12:1-2.

Discuss the following questions...

- How does the challenge to be a "living sacrifice" and not be conformed to this world challenge us to live missionally?
- 2. How can parents and mentors teach younger generations about the importance of living a sacrificial life for Jesus, especially in a culture that often values comfort and security?
- 3. In a world with so many distractions, what are some effective strategies you can use to remain focused on the mission of Christ? Are there distractions you need to remove from your life?
- 4. What is one step you could take this week to begin living more missionally? (visit longhollow.com/missions for ideas)

RESPOND

Force for Good: How does going together in community help you step outside your comfort zone?

Prayer:

Close by praying by name for some of the mission efforts going on in our community and world. Ask the Lord to continue to mobilize His people.

Questions for Families

Here are some questions you can discuss with the whole family.

Hebrews 13:10-13

What do you think it means that Jesus went outside the city to help people?

For younger children, explain that Jesus went to places outside where it was comfortable to help people, just like we might go out of our way to help a friend. With older children, discuss how this might mean stepping out of what's familiar to us to do what is right and help others in need.

How do you feel we can show love and kindness like Jesus did?

Guide younger children to consider small acts of kindness, such as sharing toys or helping a sibling. Encourage older children to brainstorm ways they can volunteer in their community or stand up for someone being treated unfairly.

Why do you think it's important to help people who might be outside our usual group of friends?

Help younger children understand by talking about including new friends. For older kids, discuss how Jesus reaching out beyond His group shows us that everyone is important, and we can make a difference by expanding our circle to include others who might not have many friends.

NT 260

WEEK: 45

- Revelation 11
- Revelation 12
- Revelation 13
- Revelation 14
- Revelation 15

MEMORY VERSE: Matthew 7:13-14

Resources

Additional Resources

Long Hollow Missions Newsletter



To get all the latest information about news and opportunities from Long Hollow Missions subscribe to their newsletter.

Resources to Watch

Bible Project Guide - The Book of Revelation



See a collection of videos and articles to guide you through the book of **Revelation**. (20 min)

Revelation Sermon Series - Pastor Robby Gallaty



Listen to the verse by verse sermon series through the book of **Revelation**.

Life Group Resources

We have a variety of resources and are continually adding new ones. Some of our resources include group launch guides, on-demand training modules, and curriculum resources. To request a resource, reach out to us at groups@longhollow.com.

D-Group Resources

If you or someone you know would like to start a D-group, we have everything you need, including reading plans, journals, and a launch guide to walk you through the first four meetings.





Commentary

Notes:

What's Going On?

The passage in Hebrews 13 discusses themes of sacrifice, faith, and stepping out of comfort zones to follow Jesus. In the Book of Hebrews, the author writes to Jewish Christians who were familiar with the old sacrificial traditions. Hebrews often compares Jesus' actions to these traditions to show that Jesus fulfilled and surpassed what had been done before. The specific verses in Hebrews 13 highlight how Jesus suffered "outside the gate" to sanctify people with His blood. This imagery is a vivid reminder of the ceremonial practices where animals were sacrificed and their remains were taken outside the camp.

By bringing up this imagery, the writer emphasizes that, like those sacrifices, Jesus' death was meant to cleanse and sanctify people. The passage then encourages believers to also go "outside the camp," meaning leaving behind their comfort and taking risks for their faith. This message is not just about recalling sacrifices but actively living a life that might involve discomfort or disgrace for the sake of following Jesus and helping others.

Biblical Timeline



Creation The Exodus from Egypt

A Bit of Background

The Book of Hebrews was written for early Christians who had come from Jewish backgrounds. During this time, many of these believers faced pressure and persecution from both Jews who didn't accept Jesus as the Messiah and from the broader Roman society. The familiar sacrificial system was central to Jewish religious life. Annually, the Day of Atonement (Yom Kippur) was a significant event where animal sacrifices were performed to atone for the people's sins. On this day, the high priest would enter the Holy of Holies to offer sacrifices to God. Once the sins of the community were symbolically placed on a goat, it was sent away into the wilderness, taking the community's sins with it.

This practice is referenced to highlight how Jesus' sacrifice was the ultimate act of atonement. Historically, the early Jewish Christians struggled between holding onto their old ways due to comfort and safety and fully embracing the new, often risky, path that believing in Jesus required. The writer of Hebrews uses these references to drive home the point that Jesus' actions were intentional and transformative, urging believers to willingly accept challenges and social risks as they live out their faith. In this way, the passage serves as a call to action for believers to step out and make a difference just like Jesus did.

> Hebrew written approximately 64-70 AD

Notes:

Today's highlighted passage and other

related passages

Birth of Christ

Crucification and Resurection

Book of Revelation

Sermon Notes

Hebrews 13:10-13 CSB

We have an altar from which those who worship at the tabernacle do not have a right to eat. For the bodies of those animals whose blood is brought into the most holy place by the high priest as a sin offering are burned outside the camp. Therefore, Jesus also suffered outside the gate, so that he might sanctify the people by his own blood. Let us, then, go to him outside the camp, bearing his disgrace.

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Living out our God-given calling as we follow Jesus and make disciples every day.

daily, anchoring their lives to God's Word and obediently following the Holy Spirit where He leads.

A disciple who is always looking for ways to care for others and meet their needs. This is a practical way to be present in the lives of those around us.

every opportunity to help people take their next step ::

closer to Jesus. This is someone who is constantly looking
for opportunities to have Gospel conversations and speak
truth into someone's life.

When a disciple lives out their Godgiven calling, they naturally become a force for good where they live, work, and play. This type of person is looking for opportunities to meet needs, heal brokenness, and bring tangible hope to the people in their life and in their community.

