



**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
ORANGE PARK**

discussion guide

May 7, 2023

SCRIPTURE PASSAGE:

Leviticus 23:3

³“Six days shall work be done, but on the seventh day is a Sabbath of solemn rest, a holy convocation. You shall do no work. It is a Sabbath to the LORD in all your dwelling places.”¹

Hebrews 4:1-11

Therefore, while the promise of entering his rest still stands, let us fear lest any of you should seem to have failed to reach it.² For good news came to us just as to them, but the message they heard did not benefit them, because they were not united by faith with those who listened.³ For we who have believed enter that rest, as he has said, “As I swore in my wrath, “They shall not enter my rest,” ” although his works were finished from the foundation of the world.⁴ For he has somewhere spoken of the seventh day in this way: “And God rested on the seventh day from all his works.”⁵ And again in this passage he said, “They shall not enter my rest.”⁶ Since therefore it remains for some to enter it, and those who formerly received the good news failed to enter because of disobedience,⁷ again he appoints a certain day, “Today,” saying through David so long afterward, in the words already quoted, “Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts.”⁸ For if Joshua had given them rest, God would not have spoken of another day later on.⁹ So then, there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God,¹⁰ for whoever has entered God’s rest has also rested from his works as God did from his.¹¹ Let us therefore strive to enter that rest, so that no one may fall by the same sort of disobedience.”²

D-GROUP AGENDA

Welcome & Catch Up

Begin your D-Group time by taking a few minutes to catch up since your last meeting. Share updates regarding prayer requests shared previously and celebrate what God has done and is doing in the lives of your group members.

Read It

Read the scripture passage, highlighting portions that stand out and things you wish to discuss.

Study It

Among your group, discuss those things that stand out in the passage. For things that may be confusing or create more questions, work together to discover God’s truth. Here are a few good books on Hebrews and Leviticus.

¹ [*The Holy Bible: English Standard Version*](#). (2016). (Le 23:3). Wheaton, IL: Crossway Bibles.

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Review It

When you hear of the Sabbath, what comes to mind? Have you ever heard Sunday called the “Christian Sabbath?” Why do you think this is done so often? What is the problem with referring to Sunday as a Sabbath?

What is Christ’s role as the personification of Sabbath? How does this impact our daily lives? What should the Christian response be to this reality?

Five Questions

1. What did you like about this week’s scripture passage and sermon?
2. What did you not like or find confusing about this week’s scripture passage and sermon?
3. What does this week’s scripture passage and sermon say about God?
4. What does this week’s scripture passage and sermon say about humanity?
5. Who outside your group needs to hear the truths from this week’s sermon?

Prayer

Pray for each other. Pray for our church and for others gathering in D-groups. Pray for specific needs shared among your members.