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SCRIPTURE PASSAGE:

Hebrews 4:12-13

¹² For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. ¹³ And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account.¹

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.

Hughes, R. Kent. *Hebrews: An Anchor for the Soul*. Preaching the Word Commentary. Wheaton, IL: Crossway, 2015.

Mathews, Kenneth A. *Leviticus: Holy God, Holy People*. Preaching the Word Commentary. Wheaton, IL: Crossway, 2009.

Moseley, Allan. *Leviticus*. Christ-Centered Exposition. Nashville, TN: Holman, 2015.

Mohler, R. Albert, Jr. *Exalting Jesus In Hebrews: Christ-Centered Exposition*. Nashville, TN: Holman, 2017.

Schreiner, Thomas R. *Hebrews*. Evangelical Biblical Theology Commentary. Bellingham, WA: Lexham, 2020.

¹ [The Holy Bible: English Standard Version](#). (2016). (Heb 4:12–13). Wheaton, IL: Crossway Bibles.

Review It

The imagery of the two-edged sword is popular in modern Christianity. Where have you seen it used and how have you heard it explained?

What is the danger if disconnecting these two verses from the previous section in the letter?

Are there aspects of judgment as expressed here that would be hard to explain as love to another? If so, why is that the case? What ways can you express judgment from God as loving rather than as simply punishment?

What is the impact of knowing that God knows all and sees all yet loves us still?

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.