

Life Application Notes

Sunday – 3rd (West End)/10th (Central) December 2017

Speaker: Chris Kilby **Scripture:** Hebrews 13 **Series/Title:** Jesus >. Our Response – Build His Church.

Introduction

Who is your favourite actor and why?

Can you list together some of the 'roles' that Jesus fulfils that we have looked at in our studies in Hebrews, or that we find elsewhere in the scriptures?

Hebrews 13

Have one or two people read 13:1-9 and 13:17-25

On Sunday Chris concluded the series by looking at the pastoral priorities that the writer wants to share with the church before signing off. In the light of the magnificence of Jesus, here are some practical things that we can do to build his church well.

1. Keep on loving each other – because you're family – v1

Qu - What kinds of things does your life group currently do to nurture this sense of family? Are there things that you could do in 2018 to develop this?

2. Don't forget strangers – because you could be hosting angels. – v2

Qu – Are there people in your lives that might be lacking deep relationships? What one thing could you do to welcome them?

3. Remember those in prison – because it could be you suffering. – v3

Perhaps you could take a moment to pray for the nation of Nepal, where anti-conversion laws are making it difficult for churches to preach the gospel without challenge.

4. Honour marriage – because God will judge immorality – v4

Are any in the group married? Take a moment to encourage and pray for the marriages in the group and in the church.

5. Keep free from the love of money – Because God is all you need. Vv5-6

Please remind the group that we shall be taking up a special offering for the work of Southampton City Mission at our Christmas services. There is nothing like giving away money to free us from the love of it!

Responding to Leadership

Read again verses 7 and 17

Many of your leaders have been involved in teaching through Hebrews. What will you personally remember the most? (ask each member)

What faith steps are your leaders currently taking, and how can you imitate their faith?

What could you or your group do to make the work of your leaders a joy?

FINALLY – In the last verse the writer says 'Grace be with you all'. Let's conclude by thanking God for his incredible grace towards us, and pray for 'grace upon grace' over the Christmas period and into the adventure of 2018!