

LEADER GUIDE

This teaching plan contains three sections:

»» EXPLORATION

This is where you will begin your session. In Exploration there will be two things you do as a leader:

1. Set the context

- › Every session will begin with you setting the context for the Scripture that will be studied. Material will be provided in the Exploration section that will allow you to prepare the students for their Exploration time.

2. Lead students into their time of Exploration

- › After you have set the context, then guide your students into the Exploration time in their Personal Study Guides. There are several different ways that you can lead your students to explore the Scripture.
 1. Lead your students to work through all of the Scripture and questions, then discuss their responses together as a group.
 2. Guide your students to work through the Scripture and questions one question at a time. Pause for group discussion after each question.

»» CONVERSATION

This part of the study is designed to help you walk through the Scripture with your students. Here you will find:

- › **Quick-response questions:** First glance questions to get your students to start thinking more about the passage without getting into too much depth. These are the opening questions to begin the session.
- › **Discussion questions:** Questions that are located in the Personal Study Guide with commentary on leading your discussion.

»» LEADER PREP

- › **Commentary:** Located on the right-hand page to help answer discussion questions.
- › **Context:** Various types of context are included in side columns and labeled with the following symbols:



Literary Context: Key word studies and cross references.



Historical Context: Historical setting, including information on key characters.



Cultural Context: Highlights of the political and cultural environment.



Theological Context: Information to help answer deeper questions from the text.

» APPLICATION

This portion of the study is designed to highlight the central truth of the passage and help students process the implications of that truth. The application is divided into four pivotal parts:

- **Central Truth**
- **Now What?**
- **Personal Challenge**
- **Keep on Digging**



ONE CONVERSATION™

Provide **One Conversation™** for parents of students in your church by making it available on your website, through email, or reproduce it and send it home with students. This tool will help families have spiritual conversations based off of each session. It's found at Lifeway.com/explorethebible.

» ITEM 1 (LEADER PACK) Display the Cen reflect on each session's central truth.

LEADER PACK

The optional **Leader Pack** provides leaders with additional ways to make the session interactive with PowerPoint templates, posters, and videos. To help identify when to use each item, look for the **Leader Pack** directive in each session.

A WORD FROM THE GENERAL EDITOR



Thank you for making a commitment to study the Book of Hebrews. Never before in my lifetime as a pastor has the biblical portrait

of the exalted Christ been so foreign to our culture. Too often, Jesus has been relegated to the role of a trusted guide who inspires and enlightens. His throne has been removed.

In the Book of Hebrews, a muddled picture of Jesus Christ is straightened out in no uncertain terms. Hebrews was written to a group of believers who were in danger of giving up and walking away. They faced fierce persecution physically and emotionally. Many accepted the challenge with joy but others were reconsidering. And so the Book of Hebrews appealed to believers to keep their faith anchored in the truth of the resurrected Christ. They were challenged to move toward maturity and not to go backwards in discouragement. Hebrews teaches us that no believer can cope with adversity unless Christ is the focus and priority.

With so many believers in our day talking about giving up, a study of Hebrews is desperately needed. We need to be reminded of the gap between God and man! We also need to be reminded that in Christ, He closed that gap. I pray that you will be deeply blessed as you study the Book of Hebrews.

May His Word dwell in you deeply,
David Jeremiah

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