

Hebrews 11 – Autumn 2012 - Week beginning 21st October 2012

Home group / Study notes: Living with Difficult Life Choices

Sunday Lessons – Exodus 2:11-22; Hebrews 11:24-28

Start with Exodus 2

Re-visit the early life of Moses and read as far Ex 3:6

To what extent do you think his earlier experiences prepared for him to be called by God?

Do you think these experiences were all necessary for him to be the right person to lead the people out of slavery?

What choices did Moses have at each event?

Habakkuk Look at the structure of the book.

Notice: 1:1-4 is Habakkuk's complaint; Hab 1:5-11 is the Lord's answer

Hab 1:12-17 is Habakkuk's complaint; Hab 2:2-20 is Habakkuk's report of God's response.

Read: Hab 3:17-19. Notice – 'Though ... (bad things), Yet ... (I will rejoice)'.

Discuss – What does it take to rejoice in difficult times?

Is this a matter of choice?

Haggai – Read Hag 1:2-11.

The argument here is - Because ... (you do wrong things), God withholds prosperous living.

Therefore give careful thought to your ways.

Discuss -

(i) can we fully enjoy life if we ignore what God requires?

(ii) what is the appropriate balance between devoting ourselves to building the church (in all that 'church' means) and ensuring that we are suitable temples of God?

(iii) Is this a matter of choice?

Hosea

Read Hos 6:4-6

Discuss

(i) 'I killed you with the words of my mouth' What does this mean to us?

(See Hebrews 4:12)

(ii) What are the contrasts in verse 6? What is important?

(iii) Is this a matter of choice?

Discuss

Read Hos 14: 4-9. What encouragement does this give us?

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Read Heb 11:24-28

Discuss

(i) Should we choose to be mistreated? If so, why?

(ii) If we choose to be people of God, does this mean we face disgrace?

(ii) What are the treasures we value? How does this affect how we live?