CHURCH LIFE

Hebrews 13:7-25

Paul's Thoughts on Church (v.7)

1. Leaders are to specifically emphasize _____

Spoke the word of God to you (v.7)

2. Leadership is to _____ The Lord well

Consider the outcome of their way of life Hebrews 13:7 (NIV)

3. Leaders are to live a life of faith that is _____

Imitate their faith (v.7)

4. Leaders teach a message that's _____ (v.8)

…contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all handed down to the saints. Jude 3-4

5. Leaders protect against _____ (v.9)

Do not be carried away by all kinds of strange teachings. (v.9)(NIV)

Strange: xenos- foreign (literally, alien, novel); by implication a guest or entertainer

Foods: broma- food especially ceremonially

Here at Calvary Church we ask:

Was it _____ by Jesus in the Gospels?

Was it _____ by the Apostles in Acts?

Was it _____ by the Apostles in their letters?

6. Leaders strengthen hearts by _____ (v.9)

Grace is God's unmerited favor

7. For them and for us following Jesus will at times mean disgrace (NIV) and suffering as Jesus experienced. Their choice will be to _____ or _____ (vv.10-13)

Indeed, all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will be persecuted. 2 Timothy 3:12

8. Our Hope is in _____ not here (v.14)

The Sacrifices Christians Make (vv.15-16)

9. _____ about Church leaders (v.17)

Burden (NIV) Grief (NAS) stenagmos- groaning, a sigh (Thayer's)

But the Spirit explicitly says that in later times some will fall away from the faith, paying attention to deceitful spirits and doctrines of demons, 1 Timothy 4:1

Prescribe and teach these things… in speech, conduct, love, faith and purity, show yourself an example of those who believe. 13 Until I come, give attention to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation and teaching… 15 Take pains with these things; be absorbed in them, so that your progress will be evident to all. 16 Pay close attention to yourself and to your teaching; persevere in these things, for as you do this you will ensure salvation both for yourself and for those who hear you. 1 Timothy 4:11-16

Not that we lord it over your faith, but are workers with you for your joy; for in your faith you are standing firm. 2 Corinthians 1:24

_____ for Church leaders (v.18)