Introduction

I. Introduction to the RTS Women’s Bible Study

   A. Why a RTS Women’s Bible Study?

   B. Overview of Daily and Yearly Schedule (see handout in folder)

II. Introduction to the Book of Hebrews

   A. Why study the Book of Hebrews?
      • It is a book that is often overlooked or neglected
      • It helps us understand the relationship between the OT and the NT
      • It magnifies the supremacy of Christ, especially as our great highpriest

   B. Background to the Book of Hebrews
      • Authorship
      • Date
      • Audience

III. Overall Message of the Book of Hebrews

   A. Main Theme: The Supremacy of Christ over All Things (or “Jesus is Better”)
      • Hebrews focuses particularly on how Jesus is the fuller and superior revelation of God
        than what is offered in the Old Testament

   B. Why Does This Message Matter?
      • We believe Jesus is better, but have never thought about Why or How
      • Sometimes we doubt whether Christ is better—we feel like giving up and turning to
        other things

IV. Structure/Outline of the Book of Hebrews

   I. Christ Superior to the Prophets (1:1-3)
   
   II. Christ Superior to the Angels (1:4-2:18)
       
       First Warning: “Pay Attention” (2:1-4)
   
   III. Christ Superior to Moses and Joshua (3:1-4:13)
Second Warning: “Don’t be like the Israelites in the Wilderness” (3:7-19)

IV. Christ Superior to Aaron (4:14-7:28)

Third Warning: “Don’t Fall Away” (5:11-6:12)

V. Christ Superior to the Old Covenant (8:1-10:18)

VI. Faith as the Superior Way of the New Covenant (10:19-13:19)

Fourth Warning: “Don’t keep on sinning” (10:19-39)

Fifth Warning: “Don’t Miss the Grace of God” (12:14-24)

Sixth Warning: “Don’t Refuse to Listen to God” (12:25-29)

Discussion Groups

1. Tell us about yourself and your family. How did you hear about the RTS women’s Bible study?

________________________________________________________________________
________________________________________________________________________
________________________________________________________________________
________________________________________________________________________
________________________________________________________________________

2. What makes you excited about studying the book of Hebrews? What do you hope to get out of this time together?

________________________________________________________________________
________________________________________________________________________
________________________________________________________________________
________________________________________________________________________
________________________________________________________________________

3. Do you ever struggle with giving up on the Christian life? Where are you tempted to turn for comfort and security apart from Jesus?

________________________________________________________________________
________________________________________________________________________
________________________________________________________________________
________________________________________________________________________
________________________________________________________________________