SERMON DISCUSSION STARTERS

The cross was outside the camp. Hebrews teaches that Jesus was the once for all sin sacrifice. Read Leviticus 16:25-28 and note what God required as a sacrifice for sin. Why was the animal to be burned outside the camp? How did Jesus complete that sacrifice?

The cross was expensive. Jesus willingly gave away what was most valuable to Him. His blood. His comfort. His life. Think through the gospel and epistle accounts of Jesus. What else did He willingly give away by becoming God's offering for sin? (Some passages that may help are: John 1, Romans 15:3, 2 Cor 8:9, 13:4, Phil 2:5-11)

The cross was substitution. Jesus became sin that we might be made righteous. Jesus died outside the camp to sanctify a people for Himself. The word sanctify means _____. What makes us holy? How does that truth affect our interaction in and with the world?

- **There are two ways we often interact with the world:** as either residents in it or as aliens to it. As residents, we accept and agree with everything around in the world us. As aliens, we look in judgment and hostility on a world that is different from us. Which do you drift toward (living as a resident or an alien)? How have you struggled with both? How does the gospel, Hebrews 13:13-14 and the stories of those in Hebrews 11:13-15 give us hope?

Community goes with Jesus toward need, not comfort. How have you been tempted to huddle up in "family time" in community at Gospel Grace?

- **Reflect on your current experience in community.** How does it correspond to the portrayal of what life together should look like in Hebrews 13:12-13? What practical steps can you take to go "outside the camp" with your community group or relationships?

- If you were to obey God in the strength of the radical grace of Jesus and move toward need and not comfort, what needs would you embrace and what comforts would you release? How could you do this with community at Gospel Grace?

We have a permanent home in heaven not earth according to Hebrews 13:14. How does your your glorious, future life in a heavenly city impact your present, daily life? How should it?

- **Read the following passages** and note the radical action that occurred because of a hope in future reward. (Hebrews 10:33-35, 11:9-16, 11:24-26, 12:1-2, 13:5-6) IE: Radical action _____ because _____.

- Why is the call to go outside the camp in Heb 13:13 not a call to a miserable life? (Do not use heb 13:14 in your answer.)

TODAY'S NOTES