

Sermon Guide — Hebrews 13:7–19

Remember • Evaluate • Follow • Pray

Passage: Hebrews 13:7–19

Theme: Be selective—follow and support leaders who model Christlikeness, because Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

Sermon Outline

1) Remember Your Leaders (vv. 7–8)

- Remember those who spoke the Word of God to you.
- Consider the outcome of their way of life.
- Imitate their faith.
- Anchor your confidence in Christ: “Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.”

2) Evaluate Your Leaders (vv. 9–14)

- Do not be led away by diverse and strange teachings (v. 9).
- Be strengthened by grace—not by external rituals that do not benefit (v. 9).
- Christ suffered “outside the gate” to sanctify His people (vv. 11–12).
- Go to Him outside the camp and bear His reproach (v. 13).
- Live for the city to come, not a lasting city here (v. 14).

3) Follow and Support Christlike Leaders (vv. 15–17)

- Offer continual sacrifices through Christ:
- Praise — “the fruit of lips that acknowledge His name” (v. 15).
- Kindness and generosity — doing good and sharing (v. 16).
- Obey and submit to leaders who keep watch over your souls (v. 17).
- Help them serve with joy—not with groaning (v. 17).

4) Pray for Christlike Leaders (vv. 18–19)

- Pray for leaders to have clear consciences and honorable conduct (v. 18).
- Pray earnestly for restoration and fellowship (v. 19).

Application & Reflection

- Who has faithfully spoken God’s Word to you, and how can you thank God for them?
- Are you discerning (selective) about teaching, or easily pulled by what is new and “strange”?
- What does it look like this week to go “outside the camp” and bear reproach with Jesus?
- How can you offer a sacrifice of praise in daily life (words + worship)?
- What specific act of kindness or generosity will you practice this week?
- How can you support your pastors/leaders so they shepherd with joy?
- Pray by name for leaders to act honorably and finish well.

Closing Prayer: Lord, strengthen our hearts by grace, keep our eyes on Christ, and help us follow godly leaders with joy as we seek the city that is to come. Amen.