



6) THE ULTIMATE CITY (HEBREWS 12-13)

WARM UP #1: What, in your opinion, is the greatest city in the world (and why)?

WARM UP #2: What is a city you've never been to but would love to visit?

READ HEBREWS 12:18-24

1. In these verses we see two mountains contrasted: Mt Sinai, which provokes fear; and Mt Zion, which provokes joy. Both mountains represent God's presence, but in dramatically different ways. When you come into God's presence, which do you experience more of, fear or joy?

2. In verses 22-24 the phrase "you have come" is repeated. What does it mean? In what sense have we "come" to all these things? What are we able to experience now, and what do we need to wait to experience later?

READ HEBREWS 12:25-29

3. These verses refer to God's final act, at the end of time, to bring an end to created things. What warning are we supposed to hear in these verses?

4. It certainly feels as though our world has been "shaking" a lot right now. How can we live differently in the midst of this, as Christians, because of our hope in the God's unshakeable kingdom?

[Feel free to read Hebrews 13:1-10 here and discuss anything of interest.]

READ HEBREWS 13:11-16

5. The writer here encourages his readers to go to Jesus outside the camp/city. What does this mean? What does a life lived inside vs outside the city look like? Which one are you living?

PRAY: Pray the benediction in Hebrews 13:20-21 over each other. Pray in the Spirit and ask God for words of prophecy and knowledge and wisdom for each other, for revelations of His will, and for supernatural faith and power to come upon you.