Going Deeper...New Life Church Small Group Message Reflection

Based on Hebrews 13:7-16

"The Power of 'Change!"

Getting Started:

- 1. In one or two words, how would you describe the relationship you had with your brothers and sisters when you were growing up?
- 2. Who has been as close to you as a brother?

Going Deeper:

- 1. How are we to regard our leaders (vv. 7, 17) and why? How does this reflect our regard for the changeless Christ? What do these verses say about the importance of considering our leaders as Christ's messengers?
- 2. What "strange teaching" was a particular temptation to Hebrew Christian (vv. 9-10)? What rituals, mores and other forms of legalism tempt believers of any age? Why?
- 3. What is the point of the argument in verses 9-14? Based on his argument, what types of "sacrifices" is God concerned with (vv. 15-16)?

Applications:

- 1. In which of these six areas have you made the most progress this year;
 - (a) Loving one another as brothers and sisters? (b) Providing hospitality?
 - (c) Caring for those suffering for their faith? (d) Keeping your marriage strong? (e) Staying free from the love of money? (f) Submitting to leaders in authority? Which area do you need the most work on?
- 2. In which of these six areas is our church the strongest? The weakest? Would you say an obedient congregation prays for its leaders? Or would you say "a praying congregation obeys its leaders"? What's the difference?