

Small Group Discussion Questions

Series: Hebrews: "Greater"

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Message: A Far Greater Covenant

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Memory Verse: Hebrews 1:1-2a NIV

Long ago in many ways and at many times God's prophets spoke his message to our ancestors. But now at last, God sent his Son to bring his message to us.

The goal of these questions is to foster meaningful discussion and to encourage participants to reflect on God's Word to lead to heart transformation. Feel free to modify or expand upon these questions based on the dynamics and needs of your Small Group.

Big Idea: The Old Covenant was meant to point and pass away for a New Covenant to transform and save.

Read Hebrews 8

1. The tabernacle and the temple of the Old Covenant had beautiful furnishings, but there was no place for the priests to sit down because their work was never finished. What is the significance of Jesus serving in a seated position at the right hand of the throne of Majesty in heaven? What did Jesus "offer" as our High Priest and what is the significance of this offering for you and your sin?
2. The Jewish temple and tabernacle were copies of the true heavenly tabernacle and served a good purpose. We often view our world as "real" and the spiritual realm as a "shadow." What does God's Word have to say about this? In what ways could our thinking be transformed by understanding that all order and value come from God's design?



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3. One promise God makes as part of the New Covenant is that His laws will be inside of us. As modern day believers, it's nearly impossible to imagine our walk without this. What does it mean to you to have God's laws written in your mind and heart? How does this affect the way you know the truth?
4. As the author describes the New Covenant it is apparent that it is more relational. As you think about your vertical relationship, are you being still to listen to God? What is He revealing to you? How are you being changed by Him? How do you embody the things that are important to God?
5. The author quotes Jeremiah 31:34 and shares that all will know the Lord. How would you describe your personal relationship with God? What can you do to deepen this relationship? Consider the areas in your life where you struggle to follow God's guidance. How can you invite Jesus into these struggles to help you?
6. How can we effectively communicate the hope and promises of the New Covenant to unbelievers? What are some practical ways to share this message with others? Who are you (or who would you like to be) praying for and connecting with to sow gospel seeds?
7. It's possible some Jewish believers were encouraging people to go back to following the laws of the Old Covenant. Yet we cannot go back to something old once the new has arrived. Have you ever been tempted to go back to the way your life was before you were a believer? If so, what are the temptations you felt drawing you back? If not, what keeps you motivated to keep following Jesus?
8. The namesake of our church rests in the concept of the New Covenant. How can we continue to be a community that reflects the heart of the New Covenant? What does this look like to you? What role can you play in bringing this to life?



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