

# SERMON GUIDE



## Hebrews 8-9:14

Sunday, October 25, 2020

***NOTE:** This guide is primarily written for group contexts (small groups, families). If doing on your own, we would encourage you to use a journal to respond to questions so that you can look back on your growth.*



### OPENER

*This section is to get your group dialoging about the sermon topic.*

*(Suggested Time: ~ 5 minutes)*

- If someone asked you 'Who is Jesus', how would you describe Jesus to them?



### LEARN

*This section will help your group respond to the sermon content, as well as take a deeper dive into God's Word to continue to shape what God's Truth has to say about it.*

*(Suggested Time: ~ 20-25 minutes)*

- What stood out in the sermon? What did you agree/disagree, or have questions about?
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- All throughout Hebrews the theme is 'Jesus is Better'. Specifically, in today's sermon: What is Jesus better than, and why is He better?

- **Pastor Jon walked through Biblical covenants. Hebrews 8 quotes Jeremiah 31:31-34. Read Jeremiah 31:31-34 and Jeremiah 11:6-13. What covenant were they in during this time?**
  - How had God's people broken their covenant with Him?
  - Why are the words of ch. 31 so refreshing for God's people?
- **Hebrews compares the earthly tabernacle to the holy places, the 'true tent' God set up.**
  - What do you know about the Tabernacle (and later the Temple)? What does Hebrews 9 teach us about the old sacrificial system?
  - How was the Tabernacle connected to the old covenant, and why were the sacrifices made there not enough?
  - These earthly places were 'a copy and shadow' of the heavenly places. How does Christ's work parallel the old system, and why is it better?
- **Clearly, Jesus brings a new, better covenant. Why does that matter for you today?**



## PRACTICE

*This section gives you and your group an opportunity to “try” what you’re learning in a safe space. This will be a moment to try and put “flesh on” something you’re learning.*

*(Suggested Time: ~ 10-15 minutes)*

- **Make a timeline of the different covenants Pastor Jon referenced and any others you can think of in the Bible. Try to place every book of the Bible in the timeline during the covenant it was written in.**

*(More on the next page)*

 **GROW**

*This section is about determining personal or communal application points in light of what you've learned and discussed. This is a time to be specific and "measurable" in your application of God's Word so that your community can encourage you and hold you accountable.*

*(Suggested Time: ~ 10-15 minutes)*

- **What is one thing, in light of this week's message and study, that you need to start, stop, or change in your life?**
- **Pastor Jon was very clear at the end: We can't earn our salvation. In what ways do you try to work for or earn your salvation?**
  - Be mindful this week of ways you might try to earn your salvation and write them down as a reminder.
- **Jesus is described in so many beautiful ways in Hebrews. How does Jesus being a better priest and sacrifice change your life?**
  - Go through Hebrews this week and make a list to put in your Bible of all the ways Jesus is described.

 **PRAY**

*This is your time to share requests, and pray out loud together as a group for each other.*

*(Suggested Time: ~ 10 minutes)*

- **Share your prayer requests together and close with prayer as a group.**