



Growth Group Discussion Guide

Passage: Hebrews 9:1-22

Overview: In this passage, the author explains how Jesus has fulfilled the sacrificial system of the Mosaic Covenant. Unlike the blood of animals, Jesus' death has made a way for us to permanently enter into God's presence. Jesus' death has purified us with His blood and granted us his eternal inheritance. Ultimately, this passage exalts Christ's ministry and encourages us to follow him into God's holy and gracious presence.



Into the Word

Consider verses 1-10. How were God's holiness and man's sinfulness communicated through the Temple and ritual sacrifices of the Old Testament? What was the significance of the curtain being torn after Jesus died in Matthew 27?

Resource: Curtain Torn in Two: What Did the Tearing of the Veil Accomplish?

Consider verses 11-14. What does it mean for a conscience to be cleansed? How is Jesus' blood better than the blood of animals in the Old Testament?

In verses 15-17, the author describes God's covenant as a will. Based on this passage, why was Jesus' death necessary for our redemption?



Into the Heart

Read Psalm 51:1-12. Why has God given us a conscience? What are ways we might respond to our conscience?

Resource: The Awakened Conscience

How can we approach God as if the curtain in the Temple is still up? How will a deeper sense of Christ's work change how you experience guilt or shame?

Consider: 1 John 3:21



Into the World

How will having a clear conscience enable us to serve God in our lives?

Consider: 1 Timothy 1:5

How can we talk about forgiveness and redemption to people who don't believe in sin?

Resource: Talking Sin to a Culture That Doesn't Believe in It



Growth Group Prayer Guide

“He always lives to make intercession for them” (Heb 7:25)

Use the prayers below to root your prayer for one another in Scripture.

Heavenly Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, according to the riches of your glory, grant us (or _____) to be strengthened with power through your Spirit, so that Christ may dwell in our (his, her) heart(s) through faith –that being rooted and grounded in love, we (he, she) may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that we (he, she) may be filled with all the fullness of God. (Based on Ephesians 3:15-19)

May we (or _____) not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let our (his, her) requests be made known to you, O God. And may your peace, which surpasses all understanding, guard our (his, her) heart(s) and mind(s) in Christ Jesus. (Based on Philippians 4:6-7)

God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, fill us (or _____) with the knowledge of your will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, that we (he, she) may walk in a manner worthy of you, fully pleasing to you, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of you. May we (he, she) be strengthened with all power, according to your glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy. (Based on Colossians 1:9-11)

Lord Jesus Christ, and God our Father, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace, comfort our hearts (or the heart of _____) and establish us (him, her) in every good work and word. (Based on 2 Thessalonians 2:16-17)

God our Savior, help us (or _____) to faithfully intercede in prayer with supplication and thanksgiving for all people in positions of power, that we (he, she) may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way, which is pleasing to you. (Based on 1 Timothy 2:1-3)

*“Prayer is nothing but taking God’s promises to him, and saying to him, “Do as thou hast said.”
Prayer is the promise utilized.” - Charles Spurgeon*