

Old vs. New

Insights on Exodus 24:1-18

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Why is the New Covenant Better?

1. **This covenant is** _____

(Exodus 24:4, Jeremiah 31:33, Ezekiel 11:19-21, 36:26)

2. **Sin is** _____

(Leviticus 1, Hebrews 9:6-14, 25-28, Romans 6:10, John 1:29)

3. **We have** _____

(Exodus 24:9-11, Hebrews 4:16, 9:11-14, 10:19-20)

4. **We have the** _____

(2 Corinthians 1:21-22, Ephesians 1:13-14, John 14:26)

What is our Response to this Covenant?

1.

(Hebrews 10:22, 11:1, Galatians 2:15-16, John 3:14-15)

2.

(Hebrews 10:23, Romans 5:2-6, Revelation 21:1-8)

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(Hebrews 10:24, John 15:12, Matthew 22:34-40)

4.

(1 John 2:1-11, John 15:12-17)

This weeks discussion guide:

Welcome to “Week 3” of our Small Group Session!

This is a great opportunity for us to study God’s word for personal growth, but also a chance to help others grow from our own experiences. Small groups will wrap up the week of June 11th for our summer break.

Getting Started:

1. Part of being in a small group is to celebrate spiritual victories together. As you look back over the past few weeks is there anything we can glorify God for in your life? Was there any steps of faith you have taken that we can celebrate together? Any acts of obedience to celebrate? Remember, small groups are a great place to share hurts and pains, but also encouragement as we step out in faith by sharing our faith with others.

2. Buying something new is often times fun and exciting. When was there a time where you replaced something and the new one was better than the old? Have you ever had a time when you bought a new item, and yet you still preferred to use your old one?

3. Before this past weekends teaching, what was your understanding of the difference between the Old Covenant and the New Covenant?

Quick Review: Looking back at your notes from this week’s teaching, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

Digging Deeper:

1. This weekend we saw how Moses wrote down the commandments of God and the people agreed to obey them. We see in the Old Testament that God used his prophets to tell about a day when the law would no longer be written on tablets of stone, but on the human heart. Read the following passages. How is it better that the New Covenant is written on our hearts and not on tablets of stone?

- Jeremiah 31:31-34
- Ezekiel 11:14-21
- Ezekiel 36:22-32

How does having the New Covenant written on our hearts help us to have a better relationship with God?

2. In Leviticus 1 we see the laws regarding burnt offerings. Burnt offerings were offered as a means of atonement for the people of Israel as well as the priests. The New Covenant is better in that a final sacrifice has been made. Read the following passages: What do we learn about the sacrifice of Jesus from the following passages?

- Hebrews 9:6-14
- Hebrews 9:25-28
- Romans 6:10

These verses show us the complete nature of Jesus's sacrifice in dealing with our sins. How do we try to make continual sacrifices for our sins? Why do we do this? How can we better live into the truth that Jesus's sacrifice is enough?

3. This past weekend we saw a proper response to the New Covenant is to be obedient to the commands of Jesus. Look at the following passages:

- Matthew 22:34-40
- 1 John 2:1-11
- John 15:12-17

What do you understand the new commandment of Jesus to be based on these passages? Why is this commandment so difficult to keep at times? What is a practical way we can keep this commandment in our everyday lives?

4. This past Sunday was Mother's day. This is a great time to celebrate the women in our lives who took the time and care to raise us. In our society it is extremely difficult to be a mom, as there is an expectation of perfection that is placed on them. How can we learn to rest in the grace of God that he has given us? What does it practically look like to rest in grace? How can that transform the way we: parent, relate in friendships, work?

Wrapping Up:

Based on last week's message and our discussion, is there any specific application that God might be prompting you to live out? As you live this out be ready to share some "success" stories next week with your group!

Take a few moments to take some prayer requests and spend some time praying for the other members in your group.