

Small Group Discussion Questions

Series: Hebrews: "Greater"

Speaker: Jay Haugh

Message: A Greater Sanctuary & Sacrifice

Date: 10/20/2024



ENGAGE THE SCRIPTURES

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: Jesus is a greater sacrifice because He's a divine, willing, and final sacrifice.

Read Hebrews 9:1-10

1. On the Day of Atonement, the priests gave sacrifices for the sins the people did not know they committed. We all have sins we have committed unknowingly. Reflect on a time when you later realized you had sinned without knowing it at the time. How did you feel upon realizing it, and how did you address it with God? In what practical ways can you demonstrate grace to others, knowing that everyone has both known and unknown sins?
2. Why could the gifts and sacrifices NOT perfect the worshipper's conscience in the sacrificial system of the Old Covenant? Why do you think we still try to deal with guilt and shame by rituals, self-help, trying harder, or intaking licit or illicit substances?



HOSPITALITY



MOVEMENT



CONTRIBUTE



COMMITMENT



ENGAGE THE SCRIPTURES



SPIRITUAL FRIENDSHIP

3. Have you ever experienced a burdened conscience? How did you feel? How did it impact your relationship with God? How did you seek to remove the burden on your conscience?

Read Hebrews 9:11-28

4. What is the only way to a clean conscience? Is there anything that is burdening your conscience today? What fears or reservations do you have about bringing these things to Christ? What is a step you could take to lay that burden at the cross?
5. In what ways do you find yourself relying on "external regulations" rather than internal transformation? How might this approach be hindering your spiritual growth?
6. Read Leviticus 17:11. Why is there no forgiveness without the shedding of blood? Why is this an important passage to keep in mind to explain why it was necessary for Jesus to die in the manner He did?
7. Every person is destined to die and then face judgment. How do you feel when you think about your own mortality? How has your understanding of death changed since becoming a follower of Christ? How often do you reflect on the significance of Christ's sacrifice for your eternal destiny? What emotions or thoughts arise when you meditate on this truth?
8. Reflect on Spurgeon's quote: "It ought to be a daily disappointment when our Lord does not come; instead of being, as I fear it is, a kind of foregone conclusion that he will not come just yet." How does this resonate with you? How would you describe your own attitude toward Jesus' second coming? What does it mean to you personally to eagerly wait for Him? How does the hope of Christ's return affect our view of suffering and trials?



HOSPITALITY



MOVEMENT



CONTRIBUTE



COMMITMENT



ENGAGE THE SCRIPTURES



SPIRITUAL FRIENDSHIP