

APPLICATION QUESTIONS
Applying this message to everyday life

1. In the new covenant, Jesus was replacing a system that had defined the Hebrew people's entire relationship with God. What makes it hard for you to believe that Jesus did everything that was required for you to have a relationship with God? How can you apply...the principle of the new covenant--"it's all on me but all for you"?

2. How might you be allowing rules and rituals (religion) to sneak into your life in order to gain God's favor? What truth from the new covenant can you apply to change this?

3. What can you do this week to move toward Jesus, and allow His unconditional, unlimited love to change you from the inside out? How can this group support you?

4. Spend time together encouraging and praying for one another. Consider celebrating the new covenant by taking communion together Luke 22:14-20, Acts 11:23-26

*A Better Way
A Better Covenant
Hebrews 8:1-13*

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A Better Covenant: It's all on me...but all for you!

Hebrews 8:1-13

The burning question: What do I do with my guilt, shame and rebellion?

- I. We have the best _____ ministering for us!
 - A. His _____: He's seated and His _____ to save us is done
 - B. His _____: He's at the right hand of God= _____
 - C. His _____: He's in _____ ministering on our behalf

*The tabernacle was an earthly picture of a heavenly reality

- II. He ministers on the basis of a _____ covenant
 - A. Jesus replaces the _____ with _____
-The old covenant: _____ and _____
 - B. Jesus replaces the _____ with the _____
 - C. Jesus replaces the _____ with the _____
 - D. Jesus replaces _____ knowledge with _____ knowledge
 - E. Jesus replaces _____ forgiveness with _____ forgiveness
 - F. Jesus replaces an _____ covenant with a _____ covenant

- III. What does this mean for me?

GETTING-TO-KNOW-ME QUESTIONS

Sharing time to get your group started

A. Share with your group your plans for the summer. What are you most looking forward to? Would you rather have a plan or just go with it?

B. Have you ever been told an agreement, contract, or even a relationship was unconditional or unlimited only to discover there was a catch? What happened?

C. Describe a time when you came up with a plan and then found out there was a better plan. What was it like to shift gears from plan A to plan B?

2. What is it about the old covenant law that the Israelites were attracted to? What did the law give them? And yet, how was the law “weak” (Romans 8:3) or insufficient?

3. The old covenant made demands that the recipients of the covenant were unable to meet. Read these scriptures and discuss the limitations of a sinful, evil heart. What keeps a sinful heart from complying with the old covenant?

Ecclesiastes 9:3

Jeremiah 17:9

Matthew 23:25

Mark 7:20-23

Galatians 5:19-21

LIFE GROUP HOMEWORK – DIGGING DEEPER

Jot down a brief answer to the following four questions

Quick Review

1. Reflecting on this week’s sermon, is there any principle or insight that stands out as being particularly helpful, insightful or difficult to grasp?

4. What are some things that have influenced your assumptions about the terms and conditions of having a relationship with God? (Note: Bilateral Parity Treaty is an agreement between equals; Bilateral Suzerainty Treaty is a king dictating terms and conditions; Promissory Covenant is a unilateral, unconditional promise by God for your benefit.)