



HEBREWS CHAPTER 9 (FACILITATOR)

Discussion Starter

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- Opening Prayer

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Tell the Story

- PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT YOU HAVE ONE PERSON WHO STORIES (SUMMARIZES THE CHAPTER) BEFORE THE GROUP READS THE CHAPTER TOGETHER.

Read the Story (Hebrews 9:1-28)

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Breaking it Down

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Hebrews 9:1-5

- Why is the author of Hebrews discussing the physical temple of the Old Testament?
 - The author of Hebrews is contrasting the purpose of the temple with who Jesus was and what Jesus can and does do. The temple was a beautiful structure with incredible purposes and reminders that were a part of the temple, but it was only a shadow pointing to Jesus. An "ordinary" Israelite could only enter a certain part of the temple (the gate of the tabernacle court.) Access was restricted. Only the priests could enter the Holy Place and only the High Priest could enter the Holy of Holies so while there was incredible beauty, "access to God" was restricted. Jesus removed those barriers so that every human being could have this incredible and unlimited access to God.

- What barriers or walls have you intentionally or unintentionally built between you and God? How can you begin to allow God to knock down those barriers and walls?
 - This is a perspective and opinion question so please listen as the facilitator.

Hebrews 9:6-10

- What is the Hebrew author describing in this passage and why is this important to understand?
 - The Hebrew author is describing “The Day of Atonement” when only the High Priest could enter into the Holy of Holies. For the Israelites, it was one of the most sacred days. Please read Leviticus 16:1-34 for a full description of The Day of Atonement. This is important to understand because the author of Hebrews is letting his audience know that Jesus is better than all that was done on The Day of Atonement. Those sacrifices and rituals no longer need to be done. In fact, they cannot save and make anyone right with God.
- What are some things that you “do” that sometimes make you feel more justified and loved by God?
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Hebrews 9:11-14

- How would you describe the differences between what Jesus’ sacrifice does versus every other sacrifice that came before Him?
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Hebrews 9:15-22

- Have you ever struggled and/or do you struggle with believing that God can and does forgive you? Why? How would you say that you “rely” and “depend upon” the blood of Jesus on a daily basis?
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Hebrews 9:23-28

- In what ways is the Hebrew writer again stressing that the sacrifice of Christ is better than anything and anyone else that can be offered?

- Because Christ entered into the presence of God, we are able to have intimate fellowship with God. Nothing and no one else can provide this fellowship. No amount of human effort or desire can make this happen.
- Jesus Christ and His blood are constantly and consistently pleading our case before the Father in heaven.
- The sacrifice of Christ never needs to be made again and this sacrifice has opened up the way for all of humanity regardless of that person's past and regardless of circumstances.

Final Application

- What does this passage teach us about God?
- What does this passage teach us about mankind?
- What is a command to obey in this passage?
- What has God revealed in your life that needs changing?
- What truth can be applied to your life about the gospel?

Closing & Prayer Requests

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