

Week 8 – Radiant Savior Hebrews 9-10:18– April 21, 2024

Check out one of these helpful resources: How to Read Hebrews – Tim Mackie: <u>https://bit.ly/3OSjeXD</u> Hebrews – Derwin Gray: <u>https://bit.ly/3OOTI5w</u>

Allow God to speak to you through his written Word. The goal of this time is to have quality connection and time together. Choose questions from Know, Grow, and Show that will best help your group discuss the passage and take their next steps of faith. Don't feel like you need to use all the questions. Feel free to add your own too! We are praying for you as you lead your D-Group this week!

## KNOW (Build Relationships)

- What is one area of your life where you have seen that Christ is better than something else you were pursuing?
- What do you think is the hardest part of the Gospel to explain to an unbeliever? Why?
- What's one way you've experienced the need for forgiveness or cleansing in your life?
- What is one aspect of the Old Testament sacrificial system that has always intrigued or puzzled you?
- When was a time you felt deep assurance and security in your relationship with God?
- What is your earliest memory related to learning about Jesus' death on the cross?
- How have you seen the contrast between animal sacrifices and Jesus' sacrifice play out in your life or church community?

## GROW: (Grow Spiritually)

- Hebrews 9:1-10: What was the purpose of the earthly tabernacle and its rituals? How did these rituals point towards the ultimate sacrifice of Jesus Christ? (Exodus 25:8-9)
- Hebrews 9:11-12: What does it mean that Christ entered the Most Holy Place once for all by His own blood? How does this differ from the yearly rituals of the high priest? (Leviticus 16:15-16, Hebrews 9:25-26)
- Hebrews 9:13-14: Explore the concept of "purifying our consciences from dead works." How does Jesus' sacrifice accomplish this? (1 Peter 1:18-19)
- Hebrews 9:15-22: Reflect on the necessity of blood for forgiveness of sins. How does the shedding of blood symbolize the seriousness of sin and the cost of redemption? (Leviticus 17:11)
- Hebrews 9:23-28: What does it mean that Christ appeared once for all at the end of the ages to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself? How does this give us hope and assurance? (1 John 1:7)
- In the Old Testament, God's people repeatedly offered sacrifices for their sins. Hebrews 9:26 tells us that Jesus's sacrifice was once for all. How does the sacrifice of Jesus change how we relate to God concerning the sin in our lives?
- Hebrews 10:1-4: Discuss the limitations of the Old Testament sacrifices in contrast to the effectiveness of Christ's sacrifice. How does Jesus fulfill what the law could not? (Romans 8:3-4)
- Hebrews 10:5-10: How does the will of God play a central role in the sacrifice of Christ? What does it mean for us to do God's will in light of this sacrifice? (John 6:38)
- Hebrews 10:11-18: Why is it significant that Jesus offered one sacrifice for sins for all time? How does this assurance impact our daily lives and faith?

## e SHOW: (Live on Mission)

- In what ways are you tempted to perform to earn God's approval as opposed to resting in the saving grace of Jesus?
- What steps can we take to forgive others as Christ has forgiven us, considering the weightiness of His sacrifice?
- If Jesus died once for all sins, why is ongoing repentance of sin an important spiritual discipline? How do you need to grow in this area?
- How can we actively rest in the assurance of our eternal security in Jesus, especially during challenging times?
- In what ways can we sacrificially live for others, reflecting the sacrificial love demonstrated by Jesus?