



Sermon-Based Discussion Guide for Home Groups

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SCRIPTURE

Hebrews 10:1-8

¹ The law is only a shadow of the good things that are coming—not the realities themselves. For this reason it can never, by the same sacrifices repeated endlessly year after year, make perfect those who draw near to worship. ² Otherwise, would they not have stopped being offered? For the worshipers would have been cleansed once for all, and would no longer have felt guilty for their sins. ³ But those sacrifices are an annual reminder of sins. ⁴ It is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins.

⁵ Therefore, when Christ came into the world, he said:

“Sacrifice and offering you did not desire, but a body you prepared for me;
⁶ with burnt offerings and sin offerings you were not pleased.
⁷ Then I said, ‘Here I am—it is written about me in the scroll—I have come to do your will, my God.’”

⁸ First he said, “Sacrifices and offerings, burnt offerings and sin offerings you did not desire, nor were you pleased with them”—though they were offered in accordance with the law.

ENGAGE

Do you think most Americans have any concept of their sin and the need for its atonement? How do most people deal with that in their lives?

DISCUSS

1. Read the focus passage and share any insights.
2. What does it mean in verse one when the law is described as a shadow of what is to come? (The sacrificial system gave us a basis for understanding what Christ would do for us.)
3. Many people believe that when we do good things we gain God’s favor and when we do bad things we lose favor with God. How is God’s truth different from this view? (We are actually justified through faith in Jesus and not our works. We are to do good works out of our love for Christ.)

4. Some people try to find peace and joy in life by rejecting all the rules. Do you know anyone seeking joy outside of all the rules? Where does this method usually lead?
5. In Genesis 22, God asked Abraham to sacrifice his son on the altar. How is this a picture of what Jesus would do for us hundreds of years later?
6. What are the implications of the truth that God paid the price for our sin? How are we to live in light of this truth?
7. Tell about when you accepted God's gift of forgiveness. How did it change your life?

YOUR NEXT STEP

Let's visit our relationship with God this week. If you have never accepted God's gift of payment for your sin, talk with someone about how to do that this week.

If you are a believer, share your faith story with someone this week. Thank God for what He did for you.

CHILDREN'S TIME

1. Ask the kids, "What does it take to get on God's good side?" Depending on the answers, you may need to ask, "What does it take to go to heaven."

Explain that salvation is based on Christ, not on us.

2. What do we do when we realize we've done something wrong and are about to get in trouble? What does God want us to do when we've sinned against Him?
3. Why do you think God paid the price for our sin? (We couldn't do it.)
4. It is truly good news that Jesus paid the price for our sin. How can that change our life? How should we live in response to God's love?

OTHER PASSAGES

Hebrews 10:3

Hebrews 9:24-25

Luke 15

Hebrews 10:11

Genesis 22