

Small Group Time

Icebreaker

When you were a child, when was it most fun to pretend? When you played, what things did you pretend?

1. What have you learned through your personal study this week?
2. What are some predictable things in life that you enjoy? Have those ever changed for the better?
3. Why do you think it was important for God to duplicate the things in Heaven on earth?

God wanted to share His plan for redemption and teach the people that they would need a Savior. When God duplicated things on earth, He was showing His desire to reconnect with man.

4. If everything in the old, earthly sanctuary was made according to God's will, why was the old sanctuary inferior to the new, heavenly one?

The things in the earthly sanctuary were made to be a copy. Even though they were created just as God asked, they were never meant to be the real thing.

5. Why did animals have to be slaughtered under the old covenant regulations? What did this blood actually symbolize?

Animals had to be slaughtered because something must die for a covenant to take effect. This blood foreshadowed the blood of Christ.

6. If Christ has already died to enact the new covenant and adequately offered the sacrifice for our sin, what is our part in the new covenant?

Our part is simply to have faith in Christ and live through Him. No longer do we have to work to retain a good standing with the Father.

7. The end of Hebrews 9 says when Christ returns, He will not reference the sins of His followers. It is sometimes hard to imagine that we would be given such a great gift. Why is it sometimes hard for us to accept things we do not work for?

Question 5

Remember, a covenant is like a will. A will does not go into effect until someone dies. Therefore, something had to die for the covenant to go into effect.



Response

Last week, we discussed taking steps to offer or accept forgiveness. This week, take time to share any success stories and continue to pray over those situations.



