



Community Group Guide

THE HOPE OF THE NEW COVENANT

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INTRODUCTION

This weekend we looked at the New Covenant that God brought through Christ. No longer do we have to follow the Mosaic Law like Israel, now God's law is written on our hearts. He has forgiven our iniquity and we can now truly know the Lord because of what Christ has done.

BIBLE STUDY

A good way to study the Bible is by using three steps: Observation, Interpretation, and Application. We want to observe the passage first to get an idea of what is happening. Then we interpret the meaning of the passage so that we can apply it to our lives. The following questions will follow this pattern as we look through this Biblical passage.

Observation

1. What is your understanding of the Old Covenant?
 - a. The nation of Israel had to follow the Mosaic law. They had to make animal sacrifices to atone for their sins. Etc.

2. What is your understanding of the New Covenant?
 - a. Jesus has fulfilled the Old Covenant and now has brought in the New Covenant through His death and resurrection. We no longer need to make sacrifices for our sins because Jesus was our ultimate sacrifice. We no longer have to go to the temple because the Holy Spirit dwells in us as the New Temple.





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3. What are some key changes that you see in this passage that the ?
 - a. Law within them, all know me, forgive iniquity, etc.

Interpretation

4. Why is a New Covenant necessary?
 - a. Hebrews 10:4 - "For it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins."
5. How does Jesus fulfill the Old Covenant and bring in the New?
 - a. He takes the wrath that we deserve on Himself. There is now no need for animal sacrifices. HE stood in our place and fulfilled the perfect law. Now we don't have to. His death satisfies the debt that we owe.
6. How is God's Law written on our hearts? How do we "know" Him?
 - a. We no longer need a High Priest to make a sacrifice for us in the Holy of Holies. Now God's presence dwells within us in the Holy Spirit. He writes God's law on our hearts. We know Him because He dwells within us.

Application

7. What does it look like to live in the New Covenant each day?
8. What are some practical ways that the New Covenant can bring freedom and joy in your daily life?





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PRAYER

Psalm 1:1-3 - "Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night. He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers."

Thanks to the New Covenant, the Holy Spirit dwells in us and guides us day and night. He causes us to be a tree planted by the stream, always taking in the life of God. With this hope in mind pray for:

1. The people of Mercy Church to remain desperate for God's presence in their own lives.
2. God to continue to give grace and favor to Mercy Church as we advance the Gospel by the Spirit's power.
3. The attacks of the enemy to fail. Let us cling to the Lord as we continue to push back the darkness and bring the light of Christ.

