

Community Group Discussion Guide

Sunday, January 12, 2020

Scripture: **Hebrews 9:11-22**



THIS WEEK'S FOCUS

On the cross, Jesus' blood sufficiently atoned for humanity's sin against an infinitely holy God, and he offers eternal forgiveness to all who trust in his redeeming work.

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION *(Use along with **Reading: Ante Faciem Dei**)*

- How did God graciously meet with his people under the old covenant?
- What does verse 14 reveal about the person and work of Jesus Christ? Why was an unblemished sacrifice necessary for our redemption? How is his cleansing work better than the old covenant sacrifice?
- How do we overcome feelings of guilt for sins that have already been forgiven by the cleansing work of Jesus Christ?
- How does forgiveness of our sins purify our conscience and prepare us to "serve the living God" with good works?
- What does it mean that Jesus is our Mediator (verse 15)? Why does the author of Hebrews apply the analogy of a will and testament to the old covenant? As Christians what is the eternal inheritance that we hope for?
- Why is the shedding of blood necessary for the forgiveness of sin? Why can't God simply forgive sin without bloodshed?