

Hebrews (March 7, 2021)

OPENING QUESTION:

SERMON DISCUSSION: How were you impacted by the sermon? What new thoughts or lessons did you discover? In what ways did you find yourself challenged and/or encouraged?

READ Hebrews 8:1-2, 7-13

1. What is “the true tent”? How does it differ from the earthly one (Hebrews 8:2, Exodus 33:7, Joshua 18:1)? Was the earthly “tent” counterfeit? What was the purpose of the earthly “tent”?

2. Explain the fault found in the first covenant that exposed the need for the second (Hebrews 8:7-9; Jeremiah 7:23-26).

3. Why is it significant that the author of Hebrews referenced Jeremiah’s prophecy (Hebrews 8:6-13; Jeremiah 31:31-34)? (Hint: what is true about God’s Word?)
What does this mean to you personally?

4. Note the profound difference in God's relationship with the people between the old and new covenants (Hebrews 8:8-12). Do you think you are included in this covenant?

5. Why is the second covenant more successful than the first (Hebrews 8:10; Ezekiel 11:19)?

6. From Hebrews 8:10-12; Philippians 2:12b-13; Galatians 5:22 and any other applicable Scripture, describe some of the benefits resulting from the new covenant.

7. How does John 6:44-45 relate to the new covenant?
What do you appreciate especially about being "taught by God"?

8. Compare and contrast the issue of sin and how it is dealt with under the old and new covenants (Hebrews 5:1, 7:27, 8:12, Matthew 26:28).