



Hebrews 8

How much does God want you?

Old Way vs New Way

Old Way

-Priests offering continual sacrifices for forgiveness of sin and connection with God

New Way

-Jesus is high priest

-he was human and knows our struggle

-he is also God and King, able to help us in our struggle

Hebrews 8:1-3

-Jesus is seated at the right hand of the throne of God

-a really honored position

*he sits next to God interceding for us

*he is in the presence of the Father on your behalf

ver 3 - what did Jesus?

We are accepted into God's presence through Jesus, not anything we have done or that we could lose

-God accepts us where we are but doesn't want to leave us

-So, how do we work through the issues in our life

Old Way

ver 9

-God has rescued a people for himself before

-He had given them instructions on how to follow them

-They didn't do it. They couldn't do it

-Simply following rules didn't work

New Way

ver 10-12

-God is not just going to rescue us

-He is actually going to change our hearts so that we can follow him

-He is going to forgive our wrongs and then make us right people

*God is just taking care of our past mistakes but actually helping us to be better in the future

*He loves us enough not just to buy us a second chance but to also make sure we follow through with that second chance

*this is God's desire for you

*Do we have that same desire to bring others to him? Especially those who are far off?

*Let's actually help people to be the people God wants to change them into.

Small Group Questions

1) Do you think you might view sin differently if you were required to bring animal sacrifices to a priest on an ongoing basis? How so?

2) In your mind and life, how is the "new way" different than the "old way"?

3) How can you use this good news to encourage someone else who may not understand God's love?

