



Sermon Discussion Guide

05.19.24 Message | Tyler Myers | Hebrews 9:15-28

Key Scripture (ESV):

“Therefore he is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance, since a death has occurred that redeems them from the transgressions committed under the first covenant. For where a will is involved, the death of the one who made it must be established. For a will takes effect only at death, since it is not in force as long as the one who made it is alive. Therefore not even the first covenant was inaugurated without blood. For when every commandment of the law had been declared by Moses to all the people, he took the blood of calves and goats, with water and scarlet wool and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book itself and all the people, saying, “This is the blood of the covenant that God commanded for you.” And in the same way, he sprinkled with the blood both the tent and all the vessels used in worship. Indeed, under the law almost everything is purified with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins. Thus it was necessary for the copies of the heavenly things to be purified with these rites, but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these. For Christ has entered, not into holy places made with hands, which are copies of the true things, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. Nor was it to offer himself repeatedly, as the high priest enters the holy places every year with blood not his own, for then he would have had to suffer repeatedly since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself. And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment, so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.”

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Message Highlights:

- Let’s take an honest look at whether we allow Jesus to mediate our sin or if we’re living out of our methods.
 - Jesus - confess, pray, repent, reconcile, serve, love
 - Me - isolate, suppress or express (agenda)
 - Jesus, as the mediator of the new covenant, offers a new way to handle sin: through confession, prayer, repentance, reconciliation, service and love.
 - Are we using earthly solutions for heavenly problems?
 - Addressing the need for heavenly solutions to earthly problems, the sermon highlights the importance of relying on Christ's sacrifice and the Holy Spirit rather than earthly means.
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CONVERSATION STARTER

- Do you have spiritual accountability in your life? Who? What is the value of having someone hold you accountable and holding them accountable in your spiritual journey?

DISCUSS THE MESSAGE

- How has the Spirit spoken to you through this section of God's Word?
- What does it mean to you that Jesus is the mediator of a new covenant?
- How do you typically handle sin in your life, and how can Jesus' example change that?

THINK DEEPER (Does your group understand the passage?)

- Why was it necessary for Jesus to be the mediator of a new covenant?
- How does understanding the weight of your sin deepen your appreciation for Jesus' sacrifice?
- What are the implications of Jesus entering the true holy place in Heaven on our behalf?

THINK LIFE CHANGE (Does your group recognize the personal implications for them as individuals?)

- Are you more likely to live according to rhythms Jesus lived by: confessing, praying, repenting, reconciling, serving, loving - or do you find yourself following a more self-centered rhythm: isolating, suppressing, expressing? Why?
- Which one of the rhythms, whether Jesus-led or self-centered, do you recognize most in your life?
- Reflect on specific areas where you have relied on your methods to handle sin. How can you apply Jesus' methods of confession, prayer, repentance, reconciliation, service and love instead?
- How can you shift your mindset from seeing sin as a source of shame to viewing it as an opportunity for growth and deeper reliance on Jesus' sacrifice?

THINK ENGAGE (Does your group know how to apply the challenge?)

- Think about your daily routines and actions. How often do you incorporate practices like confessing, praying, repenting, reconciling, serving and loving into your life? Can you identify moments where you may be more self-focused, perhaps isolating, suppressing or expressing instead? Share an example.
- How do you currently view sin in your life?
- Reflect on how changing your perspective to see sin as an opportunity for growth and a deeper reliance on Jesus' sacrifice could transform your approach to dealing with it. What steps can you take to begin this mindset shift?

THINK KINGDOM (Does your group understand the overarching Kingdom, that the work we do is bigger than ourselves?)

- In what ways can adopting these rhythms help you more fully live out the Kingdom of God in your daily life?
- How much impact does your spiritual rhythm have on the larger community of believers?
- Instead of seeing sin as a setback, how can you view it as an opportunity for Kingdom growth and deeper reliance on Jesus? How can this perspective shift empower you to overcome challenges and contribute positively to the Kingdom of God?