

Small Group Discussion Guide — Read Hebrews 8:6-13

- How is understanding the differences between the old and new covenant critical for rightly reading and interpreting our Bibles, but also crucial for us in understanding the very heart of Christianity?
- Why does the author of Hebrews quote from Jeremiah 31 here in vs. 8-12? What does this tell us about how he understands the old covenant? How is his logic in vs. 7 similar to what we saw back in 7:11?
- What was wrong or problematic with the old covenant? Why was it “faulty” so that it would require a “new” one?
- What did Joshua mean that Christianity doesn’t simply make us “better versions of ourselves, but makes us completely new?” How is this reality different from every other religion in the world, or even the self-help mentality of this modern age?
- What were the three “new covenant” promises made by God through the prophet Jeremiah recounted for us here in vs. 8-12 by the author of Hebrews?
- What is the distinction between this “external vs. internal” law in vs. 10? How is this important for understanding the Christian life? Why is there no such thing as a Christian who *doesn’t* seek to obey Christ? How can this promise also give us assurance and hope when we feel weak, struggle with the guilt of remaining sin, or aren’t seeing the growth in sanctification that we would hope in our lives?
- Which of these three “new covenant” promises did you find to be the most impactful on you this morning, and why?
- How were you led to glory more in Jesus Christ as a result of today’s passage?