

A Summary So Far

A Study of Hebrews - (Hebrews 8:1-13)
Pastor Bob Johnson, February 16th, 2020

The Main Point: Jesus is ...

(Hebrews 8:1-7)

- **He is S ...** (v1)

(Hebrews 10:11, John 19:30)

- **He is S ...** (v2-7)

(Acts 7:54-57, Mark 10:43-45)

Dependence only starts at S ...

(Colossians 2:6-7; 3:17, Ephesians 5:20, John 14:13-14)

A Reminder of God's Promise:

(Hebrews 8:8-9, Deuteronomy 6:12, 18)

- **The new plan includes P...** (v10)

(Ezekiel 36:26-27, John 14:25-26, 1 Corinthians 3:16)

- **The new plan includes P...** (v11)

(1 John 2:27, 1 Peter 2:9)

- **The new plan includes P...** (v12)

(Roman 6:23, John 19:30)

So, what do we do with the Rules of the OT????

(Hebrews 8:13)

Replace R_____ with R_____

(2 Timothy 3:16, Matthew 5:17-19)

Recognize, meant to R_____ & R_____

(Exodus 21:23-25)

Remember the R_____ of R_____

(Matthew 5:1-3, 20, 5:20, 48)

This Week's Discussion Guide:

Welcome to our sixth week of this 12 week study of Hebrews 5-11. Our last week of small groups for this season will be the last week in March.

At GPC, we are big on small groups :). May our church family grow warmer together as we meet in small groups to develop friendships and encourage each other as we learn to apply God's truths to our everyday lives.

Getting Started:

Last Sunday morning, we studied Hebrews 8. We looked at how Jesus is described as a better High Priest than all the priests that came before him. When he finished paying for our sins, he resurrected and sat down in heaven.

Speaking of sitting down, what is one of your favorite places to sit down and relax ? Why do you like that spot so much? How often do you find yourself there ????

Jesus sitting down was an acknowledgement of his completion in regards to bridging the gap between us and God.

We have all accomplished various things :). What is one thing that you are glad you accomplished or finished? How long did it take? Was there a time before completion that you almost stopped short of completing it?

Here is the classic procrastination question to help us get to know each other better and maybe provide a little accountability :). What have you started ... and haven't completed yet? When did you start it? When did you stop working on it? If it is still worth completing, when are you going to get back to it :) ?

One last 'getting started question'. Last Sunday, we learned about rules and how they can be helpful even though they can't bridge the gap from here to heaven. Speaking of rules, what rule or rules were put in place when you were growing up that were burdensome at the time, but looking back, probably kept you alive or at least helped you in some way?

Don't get too grumpy with this one: What rule or rules in our lovely state of California do you wish would become obsolete :) ?

Quick Review:

Let's re-read Hebrews 8:1-13 which was the passage Bob taught on last Sunday. Looking back at your notes from last Sunday's teaching on this passage, was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged, confused you, encouraged you, or stretched your thinking?

Digging Deeper:

1. The 10 commandments were part of the Old Testament laws God put in place for a period of time. The purpose of these laws have been misunderstood over time and this misunderstanding has been passed on in some churches and homes. As we grow more in our faith and understanding of God's Word, we have the opportunity to help family and friends more closely align with God's truth.

How does Deuteronomy 6:1-9 and v24-25 which follows right after the 10 Commandments written out in Deuteronomy 5, help us better understand how to apply the principles of these commandments in our lives?

What actions does God want the people to take in the Deuteronomy passage and how do they still apply to us today?

2. In Jesus' day, the Pharisees were the most religious people of their time and serve as an example of having faith in God but not necessarily a 'saving faith' since they rejected Jesus as their Savior.

How does Jesus' response to the Pharisees in Matthew 23:1-39 further illustrate how we can have a belief in God but miss the mark on having a saving faith?

3. In contrast to the "seven woes" we read in Matthew 23, Jesus gave us "eight beatitudes" to show how we can live a life that demonstrates authentic faith and humility.

As we read through Matthew 5:1-11, how are these encouragements different from the seven woes Jesus stated in Matthew 23?

How would we be able to explain each of the beatitudes to someone who was new to Christianity?

Which beatitude is most challenging for you to live out?

4. Let's read Matthew 5:13-16.

How do the Beatitudes we looked at in Matthew 5:1-11 relate to being "salt and light" in our world today?

What are some practical ways we as a church family, and we as a small group and we as individuals can reach out in love to our neighbors and surrounding community so more would be more aware of God's love for them?

Wrapping Up:

Looking back on the message from Sunday and from our discussion, what is one truth that stands out to you that you can prayerfully ask God to help apply to your life somehow?

Before we wrap up are sharing time, let's prayer for one another!

What are some specific requests we have that we can pray for?