

Growth Group Discussions
Better!
Hebrews 8:1-13

(Choose the most appropriate questions below for discussion – you don't need to do them all :)

1. Discuss anything in the passage or sermon that struck you.
2. Why might it matter that Jesus “ministers” in the “true tabernacle(tent)” (v 2)?
 - a) The earthly “tabernacle” is a “copy” or “shadow” of the heavenly one (v 5) based on a “pattern” given to Moses (Exod 25:40). It is intended to help people imagine the glory and holiness of God. Discuss the role of architecture and décor in helping us worship well.
 - b) Do you have a sacred space you use to connect with God?
3. Why does Jesus have a “more excellent” ministry (v 6)?
4. The last part of v 9 can be translated as: “They did not continue in my covenant, but I paid no heed to them [i.e. their rebellion/disobedience], says the Lord.” How does this translation influence your understanding?
 - a) The alternate “I did not care for them” is also possible. Which do you think more accurately reflects the Biblical story?
5. God makes two promises in v 10 & 11. How do these make the “new covenant” (v 13) better?
 - a) How does it make the old one “obsolete” (v 13)
6. What does it mean when God says “they shall all know me” (v 11)?

Pray for each other, the church and the world.