



**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
ORANGE PARK**

discussion guide

August 6, 2023

SCRIPTURE PASSAGE:

Hebrews 9:1-10

Now even the first covenant had regulations for worship and an earthly place of holiness. ²For a tent was prepared, the first section, in which were the lampstand and the table and the bread of the Presence. It is called the Holy Place. ³Behind the second curtain was a second section called the Most Holy Place, ⁴having the golden altar of incense and the ark of the covenant covered on all sides with gold, in which was a golden urn holding the manna, and Aaron's staff that budded, and the tablets of the covenant. ⁵Above it were the cherubim of glory overshadowing the mercy seat. Of these things we cannot now speak in detail.

⁶These preparations having thus been made, the priests go regularly into the first section, performing their ritual duties, ⁷but into the second only the high priest goes, and he but once a year, and not without taking blood, which he offers for himself and for the unintentional sins of the people. ⁸By this the Holy Spirit indicates that the way into the holy places is not yet opened as long as the first section is still standing ⁹(which is symbolic for the present age). According to this arrangement, gifts and sacrifices are offered that cannot perfect the conscience of the worshiper, ¹⁰but deal only with food and drink and various washings, regulations for the body imposed until the time of reformation. ¹

D-GROUP AGENDA

Welcome & Catch Up

Begin your D-Group time by taking a few minutes to catch up since your last meeting. Share updates regarding prayer requests shared previously and celebrate what God has done and is doing in the lives of your group members.

Read It

Read the scripture passage, highlighting portions that stand out and things you wish to discuss.

Study It

Among your group, discuss those things that stand out in the passage. For things that may be confusing or create more questions, work together to discover God's truth. Here are a few good books on Hebrews and Leviticus.

Hughes, R. Kent. *Hebrews: An Anchor for the Soul. Preaching the Word Commentary*. Wheaton, IL: Crossway, 2015.

Mathews, Kenneth A. *Leviticus: Holy God, Holy People. Preaching the Word Commentary*. Wheaton, IL: Crossway, 2009.

¹ [The Holy Bible: English Standard Version](#). (2016). (Heb 9:1–10). Wheaton, IL: Crossway Bibles.

Moseley, Allan. *Leviticus. Christ-Centered Exposition*. Nashville, TN: Holman, 2015.

Mohler, R. Albert, Jr. *Exalting Jesus in Hebrews: Christ-Centered Exposition*. Nashville, TN: Holman, 2017.

Schreiner, Thomas R. *Hebrews. Evangelical Biblical Theology Commentary*. Bellingham, WA: Lexham, 2020.

Wiersbe, Warren. *The Bible Exposition Commentary, New Testament, Volume 2*. Colorado Springs, CO: Victor, 2001.

Review It

This chapter leans heavily into previous ones to remind the readers of the better priesthood, better covenant, and now the better sacrifice. Why do you think it is important to ensure connectivity with these three points? What is the danger of simply taking passages out of context for study or for sermons?

As the descriptor of the tabernacle is given, what are some dangers Christians may have when seeking to understand the details of such? Why is the tabernacle and temple structure important to Christians?

When you hear of categories of sin, what are some confusing points many may have regarding this? What about the Roman Catholic explanation of mortal and venial sins and how those line up with biblical teaching?

Five Questions

1. What did you like about this week's scripture passage and sermon?
2. What did you not like or find confusing about this week's scripture passage and sermon?
3. What does this week's scripture passage and sermon say about God?
4. What does this week's scripture passage and sermon say about humanity?
5. Who outside your group needs to hear the truths from this week's sermon?

Prayer

Pray for each other. Pray for our church and for others gathering in D-groups. Pray for specific needs shared among your members.