



## Jesus is Greater than all other Agreements LEADER GUIDE - April 5, 2020

### PRIMARY PASSAGE

Now the main point of what we are saying is this: We do have such a high priest, who sat down at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in heaven, <sup>2</sup> and who serves in the sanctuary, the true tabernacle set up by the Lord, not by a mere human being. <sup>3</sup> Every high priest is appointed to offer both gifts and sacrifices, and so it was necessary for this one also to have something to offer. <sup>4</sup> If he were on earth, he would not be a priest, for there are already priests who offer the gifts prescribed by the law. <sup>5</sup> They serve at a sanctuary that is a copy and shadow of what is in heaven. This is why Moses was warned when he was about to build the tabernacle: “See to it that you make everything according to the pattern shown you on the mountain.” <sup>6</sup> But in fact the ministry Jesus has received is as superior to theirs as the covenant of which he is mediator is superior to the old one, since the new covenant is established on better promises. <sup>7</sup> For if there had been nothing wrong with that first covenant, no place would have been sought for another. <sup>8</sup> But God found fault with the people and said: “The days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the people of Israel and with the people of Judah. <sup>9</sup> It will not be like the covenant I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to lead them out of Egypt, because they did not remain faithful to my covenant, and I turned away from them, declares the Lord. <sup>10</sup> This is the covenant I will establish with the people of Israel after that time, declares the Lord. I will put my laws in their minds and write them on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people. <sup>11</sup> No longer will they teach their neighbor, or say to one another, ‘Know the Lord,’ because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest. <sup>12</sup> For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more.” <sup>13</sup> By calling this covenant “new,” he has made the first one obsolete; and what is obsolete and outdated will soon disappear. (Hebrews 8:1-13 NIV)

### ICE BREAKER

What has become obsolete during your lifetime?

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1) Difficult times cause us to question God’s goodness, promises, and purpose. How has COVID-19 caused you to question all of these?

- Leaders share a personal story of how you’ve questioned God during this time.

2) Pastor Kevin shared two insufficiencies of the Old Covenant. What were they and why were these important?

- People inability to keep the Law -> if you can’t keep it, it can’t do anything for you!
- Law’s inability to save -> it set the standard, but couldn’t do anything for a person once they broke it

3) Pastor Kevin gave us three promises the New Covenant offers in verses 10-12. Walk through each of these.

- Promise of Transformation: Through Jesus, God renews our hearts and our minds. He and He alone, gives us the capacity to love others and trust Him in times like we are experiencing now

- Promise of Belonging: Even when we feel completely alone, we are connected with God and each other - maybe read through Psalm 23 together as a group
- Promise of Forgiveness: The Law could not forgive, but because of Jesus' death and resurrection, He can! How do you need to receive Jesus' forgiveness today? How can you extend Jesus' forgiveness to those in your life who have hurt you?

## PERSONAL RESPONSE

1) Pastor Kevin shared that as our understanding of “the object of our faith” grows, our “faith in that object” will grow as well. How can you press into Jesus this week so your understanding of Him grows?

2) How can you allow the three promises from Hebrews 8:10-12 to change your mindset and perspective this week? How can your group pray for you in this?