

## **LIFE Group Discussion Questions**

Hebrews 8:1-9:15

Week of January 3-9, 2010

**Summary:** Christ grants us real, full, sufficient life-changing access to God. The shadows of the Old Testament worship system are brought to fruition in the person of Christ, our great high priest. He ushers in a new covenant, demonstrates that external rites were unable to cleanse our consciences, and gives us full access to God through his sufficient sacrifice.

### **Discussion Questions**

These questions do not to be covered exhaustively; rather, they are meant as a guide to further exploration on the various applications and observations from the text, so use what is most helpful for your group context.

1. In 8:1-5 (read) we are essentially taught that the true tabernacle is not bound by physical limitations. If we can worship wherever we are, why is corporate worship still needed?
2. What does it mean to worship God when you are at home? At work? At play? What does that really look like?
3. Read 8:6-9. Compare the Old Covenant with the New Covenant. God's law is internalized by way of his Spirit. How do you appropriate that (or not) in your life?
4. Read 9:1-10. The rituals and the shedding of blood demonstrate certain aspects of sin: its seriousness, its separation, its subtlety. How do we minimize any of these aspects in our lives, or how have you seen sin at work negatively along these lines?
5. "If you have genuinely confessed sin and still wrestle with it, the problem is not with God's faithfulness; it's with your heart refusing to believe the Gospel." Agree or disagree? Why or why not?
6. Marc mentioned via quotation the OT was primarily a "come and see" religion and the NT is a "go and tell" one. What does this mean? Where are you/do you want to be on that spectrum?
7. In 9:11-15, we see that Christ's sacrifice is basis for our experience of forgiveness and the foundation of our service as well. In other words, we forgive because he forgave. We serve because he served. How might a deficient view of Christ's sacrifice lead to stunted forgiveness and emaciated service? How do we gain a fuller view of his sacrifice?

Rabbit Trail of the Week: How were OT believers saved?