

Corridor Church Bridge Group Better: A Study of Hebrews

Sample Schedule (You don't have to follow this time table but we do ask you include each element.)

7:00 PM	Meet and Greet
7:15 PM	Introduction and a little vision casting Corridor exist to Pursue the One that is far from God for the One who is God!
7:30 PM	Bible Study
8:30PM	Close out with time of prayer
9:00 PM	Farewells

It is ok to let the conversation wonder a little but try to redirect back to the passage. Allow people freedom to answer however they wish. Even if it doesn't line up with Scripture. However, if it doesn't make sure to discuss that further by asking questions and directed statements to help the group see what Scripture truly says about the matter.

Allow people time to share answers. It might be quite for a few moments after you ask a question. Sit in the Silence. This is tough no matter how long you have been leading a group.

For further help you can also look at The Gospel Coalition Commentary on Hebrews.

If you would like I can also get you a copy of Christ Centered Commentary: Exalting Christ in Hebrews.

Both of these are used in the writing of the sermon and the Bridge Group Lesson.

Hebrews 9:1-10

Sticky Statement: Christ died and rose again to usher in a promise of new life.

Read the passage.

You can read it all at once or read a little talk about that part then read some more. (You might have several people read different portions)

What stands out to you as we read this passage?

For those that were able to make it, was there anything that stood out to you on Sunday morning?

What role did the temple play in the lives of the Israelites?

The Temple was the center of Israel's worship of God.

Why do you think there were two rooms, The Holy Place and the Most Holy Place?

One room was for the day to offerings and sacrifices brought by the day to day priest. The second room, or the Holy of Holies, is where the presence of God rested. Entering the Holy of Holies with out being completely cleansed of all sin would result in death. It was separated and was only entered into with very strict regulations.

The author of Hebrews list several pieces of furniture that were in the Temple. Each item served a particular purpose and represented a particular thing. The original audience were Jews that followed Christ. They would have known all this information. What do you think the author's reason for listing all this might have been?

As Jews it was a physical action that brought forgiveness from God. It was easy to understand and even easier to trust in. You could physically do something that would bring you forgiveness.

Why do you think the priest had to offer sacrifices over and over?

The priest themselves were broken sinful people. Therefore they were unable to offer an adequate sacrifice. They could only offer a temporary one. One that is greater was need to offer a sacrifice that would last.

When you think of the word sin what comes to mind?

It literally means to miss the mark. You can miss it by a millimeter or by a mile its all still missing the mark. It is to fail at keeping the ten commandments in any way.

Verse 7 mentions "sins the people had committed in ignorance" what do you think this means?

These are sin committed without the person even realizing they were doing it.

Do you think it is possible for us to sin and not realize it, why do you think that?

Our sin nature invades every part of us. It is so pervasive that it affects everything we do. Sometimes we just don't realize its a sin because we haven't matured to that point yet.

People often put sin into two categories but the author of Hebrews adds this one also.

Sins of Commission—What does this mean and what might be an example of one?

This is knowing its wrong but doing it any way.

Sins of Omission—What does this mean and what might be an example of one?

Knowing what is right and choosing not to do it.

Sins of Ignorance—We already talked about little about this one. What might be an example of one?

In verse 8 what does the author mean when he writes, "The Holy Spirit was making it clear that the way into the most holy place had not yet been disclosed"?

The messiah had not yet been sent during years previous. God was making it clear that there would be a way to enter His presence but when the time was right.

Read verse 9 again. Why are the gifts and sacrifices that were offered in the temple not able to perfect the worshipper?

The sacrifices were not good enough to reach the depths of the human heart. It could not mold us into the person God created us to be. Sin marred us to the depths of our soul we need a sacrifice powerful enough to offer new life.

Read verse 10 again. What do you think the author means by "the new order"?

Another way to say it would be “The New Covenant.” The physical actions were intended to put a patch on the problem until the Savior arrived.

State the sticky statement. **Christ died and rose again to usher in a promise of new life.**

What does it mean to have new life in Christ?

Christ offers forgiveness from all past, present, and future sins. New life in Christ is to live no longer for ones selfish desires but for those of Christ. New life is finding satisfaction in Christ and not in things or people of this world.

Commentaries Used in Preparation

Christ Center Exposition: Exalting Christ in Hebrews

The Gospel Coalition Commentary on Hebrew by Dennis Johnson