

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 9:23-28

Sticky Statement: Christ's sacrifice is enough!

Read Hebrews 9:23-26.

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?

Do you remember what the "copies of heavenly things" is talking about? If so what are they?

It is referring back to the furniture of the Tabernacle. It is items mentioned in the first few verses of the chapter. See Hebrews 9:2-5 for the list items.

We talked about this some in previous weeks but why do you think the priest had to offer regular sacrifices?

The blood of the animal was not enough to cover sin permanently. The blood of something greater was needed. The sacrifices were offered by an imperfect person in an imperfect temple.

Do we often think that actions we take will be enough to earn forgiveness? Why or why not?

What are some things we do to try and be enough?

If we are not able to be good enough to earn forgiveness how do we find forgiveness?

We must look to something outside of ourselves. We must find something that is greater than the people and things of the world. We need a savior not broken by sin.

Why do you think that Christ's sacrifice was enough and only needed to be offered once?

He lived the perfect life. He never broke any of God's commandments. The human side of Him was perfect. He was able to be perfect because He is God. Verse 24 tells us that He did not offer His sacrifice in an earthly copy but in Heaven itself.

Read verses 27-28

Verse 27 talks about the fact that all people will die at some point.

Does thinking about your death scare you? Why or why not?

When verse 27 says "after this judgement" what do you think the author is talking about?

He is talking about the judgement before God. When we die we will all stand before God and give an account of our life.

Should what comes after death scare us? Why or why not?

Yes and No. Yes it should for those that do not have a relationship with Christ. No for those that follow Him. For those that have trusted Christ, death no longer holds power over us. The sting of death was sin and the eternal consequence of sin, hell. When we trust Christ that sting is gone because the justice of God has been satisfied in Christ's sacrifice.

What do you think when you read that it is "appointed for people to die once"?

The plan has already been laid out in God's plan. He knows the time, place, and the way in which we will all die. It can be unnerving thinking about our own death or the death of someone we love. The truth is death will come for us all at some point, God is the only one that knows when and how.

The first couple words of verse 28, "so also Christ," what do you think this is saying?

Simply put that it was also appointed that Christ would die. The death of Christ was not just a coincidence. It was planned out by God before the beginning of time.

According to verse 28 why did Christ have to die?

"To bear the sins of many," the many are all that God calls to Himself and redeems.

Christ's sacrifice is enough!