

# 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 <b>Corridor exist to Pursue the One that is far from God for the One who is God!</b>
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 10:1-18**

**Sticky Statement: Redemption has been God's plan from the beginning.**

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

What does it mean to redeem something?

Are people able to be redeemed, why or why not?

Where are some places we tend to look for redemption? Ourselves, our actions, others, status, possession, etc.

When you hear people say "God redeems" what comes to mind?

I have copied and pasted my intro from Sunday below. It didn't get said exactly like this but it was similar. You can read it, summarize it or skip over it. I just thought I would put it here if you wanted to use.

Reclaimed wood and pallet wood stuff has been popular for a while now. It was extremely popular a couple of years ago. When I first got into furniture building everything I built was from pallet or reclaimed wood. It looked good when done well and even when done poorly it still looked pretty good.

The rustic aspect of it was part of its charm. I enjoyed taking something that truthfully was worthless and deserved to be thrown into the fire and making something beautiful out of it.

Something about seeing new life breathed into the old is enjoyable. Something about redeeming what was to be destroyed and making it beautiful once more is satisfying. We are the same way. We are sinful and broken headed for destruction. But GOD sees the beauty in the ashes. He sees value when we think there is none. His plan is to bring restoration to what is broken. We were broken and destined for the burn pile. God says worth and offers redemption. Redemption has been God's plan from the beginning.

Read Hebrews 10:1-4.

When you read this what stands out to you?

Look back at verse 2, what is the author trying to say here?

He is asking a rhetorical question. He is saying to his audience that if the sacrifices offered in the temple were enough then they would only need to be offered once.

What does this tell us about the power of the law and its sacrifices?

It was not sufficient to cover our sin permanently. Something greater was needed, someone greater was needed.

Read Hebrews 10:5-14

In verses 5-7 he quotes from Psalm 40:6-8.

The author in Hebrews consistently quotes the Old Testament through the book why do you think that is the case?

It helps us to understand that all of scripture is from God and that it all tells the same story. It all tells the story of Jesus.

In the quoted Scripture from Psalms the author implies a certain individual is speaking, who do you think is speaking?

Jesus is speaking to the Father in this passage.

What is Jesus talking about in verse 5-6?

It is not simply the sacrifices and offerings that God desires. God is not simply looking for religious activity (making sure we say or do all the right things).

If God does not desire just religious activity then what does He want?

He is looking for our faithful, loving obedience not us just going through the motions. He wants more of us than just our empty actions.

We talked about how redemption comes from God, how was redemption of mankind made possible? Verse 7 gives us a hint.

We see two things here:

1. It is because of the obedience of Christ that we may experience forgiveness.
2. It was the will of the Father that Christ would die.

Remember: Redemption has been God's plan from the beginning.

Verse 11 we see that the priest "stands" then in verse 12 we see that Christ "sat." What do you think the significance of these two words might be in those verses?

Standing implies that the work is on going with no end in sight.

Sitting implies the work necessary for redemption is finished.

The end of verse 14 the word sanctified is used. What does it mean to be sanctified?

Sanctification is the process by which one is made holy or set apart for God. Those that are sanctified are being made holy by God.

Read verses 15-18.

In verses 16-17 the author quotes Jeremiah 31:33-34.

What stands out to you when you read these verses? What makes it stand out to you?

Something to mention: The author quoting Jeremiah affirms to us that the Holy Spirit had revealed the plan centuries before the plan came to fruition.

What comes to mind when you read verse 17?

Our sins are no longer on record, no longer are they held against us in God's judgment. For all that have called on His name your sins are gone!

What do you think verse 18 means?

The work needed for our forgiveness is already done. The ultimate once and for all sacrifice has been offered in the body of Christ. We no longer have to offer a sacrifice hoping it will earn us God's forgiveness.

Challenge question: Have you experienced redemption by Christ or are you hoping your actions are good enough?

**Redemption has been God's plan from the beginning.**