

BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP STUDY QUESTIONS

In preparation for Sunday, November 9, 2014

Passage: Jeremiah 31:31-34

Memory Passage: Jeremiah 31:33-34

DAY 1 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

(a) **Read Jer. 31:31-34.** Jeremiah prophesied from app. 627-586 B. C. What was the situation for both Israel and Judah with regard to their exile during this time?

(b) What covenant is being replaced in this text, and what evidence does the text provide for your answer?

(c) With whom will the new covenant be made, and what does this tell you about its nature considering the northern kingdom, Israel, has been taken into captivity and will never return as a nation?

(d) How does God describe the way His people acted with the Old Covenant and what consequences did this bring for Israel?

DAY 2 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

(a) **Read Jer. 31:31-34.** Why does God need to make a New Covenant, not like the Old Covenant, with His people?

(b) What is new about this New Covenant according to vs. 33-34? What is the same?

(c) Why will there be no need for “each one to teach his neighbor and each his brother” to “know the LORD” and on what basis does this happen?

(d) Summarize Jeremiah’s preaching of the New Covenant, why it is different from the Old Covenant, and why it is such good news.

DAY 3 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

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(a) **Read Ez. 36:22-32.** What have God’s people done to profane His name, and why must He act (vs. 22-23)?

(b) Explain the difference between the “heart of stone” (old heart) and the “heart of flesh” (new heart), and how this happens in the lives of God’s people.

(c) How will God “cause” the members of His New Covenant to “walk in (His) statutes and be careful to obey (His) rules?”

(d) What does Ezekiel add to our understanding of the New Covenant in comparison to what Jeremiah taught us?

DAY 4 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

(a) **Read Matt. 26:27-2, Luke 22:20, & Heb. 8:1-13.** What role does Jesus have in establishing the New Covenant?

(b) Given Jesus’ words, how does the New Covenant affect & govern our celebration of the Lord’s Supper?

(c) Explain the difference between Moses' tent and "the true tent that the Lord set up," and why this is important to you as a New Covenant believer.

(d) What fault was there in the Old Covenant (see Heb. 8:7)?

(e) In what ways does the writer of Hebrews prove that the New Covenant is "much more excellent" than the Old Covenant?

DAY 5 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

(a) **Read Jer. 31:31-34 & Ez. 36:25-32.** As a member of the New Covenant, how does knowing the difference between the Old and New Covenants help you to fight and crucify sin?

(b) How does understanding the New Covenant aid you in growing in your affection for Christ?

(c) How does understanding the New Covenant help you to encourage other believers in times of spiritual struggle?

(d) How does understanding the New Covenant fuel the church's evangelism and missions?

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The New Covenant