

## Jesus Is Our Mediator

Hebrews 9:15-28

*This Winter, we are experiencing God's presence together by encountering Jesus in the Book of Hebrews. If you've ever been in a conflict with someone else that you just couldn't see eye to eye with, chances are you needed a mediator - someone to stand between you and that person in order to restore the relationship. Because of Jesus' ministry as our mediator, we are free from sin and free to live for God.*

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## GETTING STARTED

We start each week by intentionally being present to one another. If you need a little help getting the conversation going, consider starting with these questions...

### *Ice Breaker*

What is your favorite movie of all time?

### *Going Deeper*

Do you have any nicknames?  
What's the story behind how you got it?

## DISCUSSION GUIDE

Our discipleship to Jesus is meant to be a holistic way of living, involving our whole selves - **head, heart, and hands**. While each person will likely gravitate to one of these over the others, it's important we all consider how God's love affects our minds, our hearts, and our actions.

REMINDER: These guides are meant to facilitate PRESENCE - to God and one another - not to check boxes. Feel free to let conversation naturally flow to whichever questions connect with you personally. As the Spirit leads you, feel free to set aside this guide to pause, praise, and pray together.

## HEAD

Hebrews 9:15 says *"Therefore he is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance..."*

What is included in that eternal inheritance that Jesus our Mediator secures for us?

Take a few minutes to read Exodus 32-33. What similarities and differences do you notice between Moses' and Jesus' work as mediators?

## HEART

How does it make you feel to know that you are the recipient of an eternal inheritance? Do you ever struggle to believe it? Does it make any difference to your life now?

As you read through Hebrews 9:15-28, how is the Holy Spirit ministering the Word to your heart? Is there something that feels challenging, encouraging, comforting, convicting?

## HANDS

Hebrews 9:28 promises that *"Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him."*

What does "eagerly waiting for" Jesus' return look like in your life? Why is it important for us as passionate Jesus followers to think about the future return of Christ?

Have you ever talked to someone who was bothered by the idea of Jesus' sacrifice? How would you respond to someone who takes issue with a loving God requiring a sacrifice for sin?

# PRACTICE OF PRESENCE

Close your discussion with a time of extended prayer (10-15min).  
As you pray, consider these 3 truths from this weeks sermon:

***As a believer you are adopted into God's family and given a share in Jesus' inheritance.***

Spend time thanking God for your identity and inheritance in Jesus.

***As a believer you are not just pardoned, you are consecrated and brought under the covenant by the blood of Jesus.***

Spend time confessing to God and receiving his assurance (1 John 1:8)

***As a believer you are purified by the blood of Jesus.***

Spend time asking God to work in your life in specific ways.