

Let Us Draw Near

Open The Conversation: Share something good from this week.

Key Scripture: Read the following together.

11 But Christ came as High Priest of the good things to come, with the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made with hands, that is, not of this creation. 12 Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption. 13 For if the blood of bulls and goats and the ashes of a heifer, sprinkling the unclean, sanctifies for the purifying of the flesh, 14 how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God? 15 And for this reason He is the Mediator of the new covenant, by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions under the first covenant, that those who are called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance.

Hebrews 9:11-15

1. What does this scripture tell me about me?
2. What does this scripture tell me about God?

Start Sharing: Choose one question to start the conversation, move onto others if time allows.

- Consider what areas of your life do you still treat your relationship with God like a ritual or routine, rather than an opportunity for real fellowship and transformation?
- What does it mean for you personally that Jesus' sacrifice on the cross was once and for all, providing eternal redemption and cleansing our conscience? How can you apply the freedom and forgiveness of Christ's sacrifice to specific areas of guilt or shame in your life?
- How can the reality of the "greater and more perfect tabernacle" in heaven, where Jesus is seated as High Priest, influence the way I live today? Consider how the confidence of this heavenly reality impacts your daily choices, struggles, and perspective on eternity.
- If we truly have access to the "Holy of Holies" because of Jesus' sacrifice, how should this truth change the way we approach prayer, worship, and community with other believers? As a group, how can we encourage each other to live in the freedom and intimacy with God that Hebrews 9 promises?

Start Praying: Pray together and for one another.

"God, thank you for giving us access to the Holy of Holies today and everyday. Help us to walk in intimate relationship, and not allow You to become a ritual or routine in our lives. We love you Lord! Amen"