Jesus, Our Perfect Sacrifice

Open The Conversation: Share something good from this week.

Key Scripture: Read the following together.

"For the law, having a shadow of the good things to come, and not the very image of the things, can never with these same sacrifices, which they offer continually year by year, make those who approach perfect. 2 For then would they not have ceased to be offered? For the worshipers, once purified, would have had no more consciousness of sins. 3 But in those sacrifices there is a reminder of sins every year. 4 For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and goats could take away sins."

Hebrews 10:1-4

- 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.

- How does the idea that the old sacrifices were a "shadow" of Jesus' ultimate sacrifice challenge us in how we view the Old Testament law and its role in our faith today? Explore the connection between the Old and New Covenants and how understanding this helps us appreciate Jesus' fulfillment of God's promises.
- In verse 10, the author says we've been "sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all." What do you think it means for us to live out the reality of that sanctification in our everyday lives? Think about the practical ways we live differently because of Jesus' completed work—what's changed in our actions, attitudes, or heart posture?)
- When you think of sanctification (becoming more like Jesus), what does that process look like for you? Is it more about striving or resting in Jesus' finished work?
- Consider whether your efforts to grow spiritually feel like a heavy burden or if you
 experience more peace through surrender and abiding in Christ.
- What does it mean for Jesus to be sitting down at the right hand of God after completing His work (verse 12)? How does this speak to the assurance we can have in our faith and our future hope in Christ? Reflect on the significance of Jesus being "done" with His sacrifice and the implications that has for our peace, confidence, and perseverance as Christians.

Start Praying: Pray together and for one another.

"God, we position ourselves before you to be sanctified. Help us to rest in your completed work and walk in the reality of salvation every day. We receive Your peace as we grow spiritually. Thank you for your faithfulness. Amen"