

HCC LEADER'S GUIDE

(PORTIONS TAKEN FROM MARK MOORE'S LEADER'S GUIDE)

Social time – meet and greet each other

Video – watch Mark's short video to get everyone in tune with the core teaching for the week

Memory verse – can everyone recite the core (memory) verse this week? (Jer.31:33-34)

Starter questions

1. What stood out to you as you read about the New Covenant in this lesson?
2. Did your understanding of the New Covenant change after reading this chapter? How?

Key Passages to Help Us Understand the Core

1. In Matthew 3 and Luke 4, in what ways do you see Jesus establishing a new covenant?
2. Luke 22:20; 1 Cor.6:19-20; Heb.9:14-15. What did the Holy Spirit reveal to you as you meditated on these verses this week? Did God challenge you through any of them?

Group Discussion – don't try to do them all Pick the ones best suited to your group

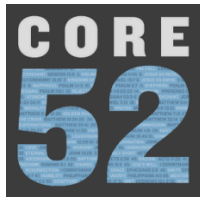
1. In the video associated with this question, Mark says that the big questions aren't WHY? Or HOW? But WHO? Try explaining that to others in your group.
2. The author states that Jeremiah gives us three ways in which a new covenant will be different and better (pp.109-110). What is so good about each one?
3. Share a time in your life when you were in the deepest despair you have experienced (if anyone is there now, have the group stop and pray for them). During that time, what gave you the greatest hope or strength to get through it?
4. When you share the Gospel of Jesus with a neighbour or colleague, do you start at the "beginning"? How does revealing why we so desperately need a savior...make the Good News even greater? What hope is given to all who believe repent and are baptized into Christ? Romans 15:13

Application for the Week

1. The Day 5 challenge (pp.112) was to read Hebrews and note the advantages of the new covenant. It is recommended to extend this lesson to a 2nd week just to look at Hebrews (see back of this page for a suggested outline for 2nd session).
2. How would you sum up what the new covenant means in just a few words?
3. **PRAY** – ask God to help everyone in the group live out this lesson in their life

NOTE: Second lesson, focusing just on the Book of Hebrews, is on the back page.

Have the group read Hebrews 13 prior to next week. Assignment is the Day 5 challenge.

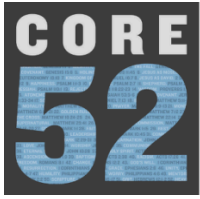


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2nd Lesson – list advantages of the New over the Old Covenant. Also, if time/interest, note some of the additional key teachings about Jesus from Hebrews (each worthy of discussion)

Hebrews Chapter	Advantages of New Covenant (NC) over Old Covenant (OC)	Other Key Teachings about Jesus
1		God calls Jesus God (v8) and Lord (v10)
2		Jesus is the author of our faith v10 Jesus made like us in every way v17 Jesus was tempted like we are v18
3	Jesus better than Moses because...	
4	Jesus a better High Priest because ...	Jesus was tempted like us (15) but was never found to be weak and sinful (v15)
5	Continued...	Jesus was heard by God because of submission v7 ... and he learned obedience through suffering v9
6	Certainty of God's promise ...	Walking away from a relationship with Jesus puts us at risk of never coming back v1-6
7	All about Melchizedek ... see Genesis 14:18-20. Jesus (the Messiah) is like him (Ps.110:4) ... Why Jesus is the perfect High Priest (and better than the others)	
8	High Priest of NC (cont.)	
9	Better tabernacle and better sacrifice	Jesus is the mediator of the NC v15 Jesus came once, for all v26-28
10	Better sacrifice (cont.) ... better confidence	Sacrifice of Jesus was once, for all v10
11	Faith defined and explored...	
12-13	Putting it all together....	



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