



Brand New

Part 1: The New Covenant

John 11:57-12:13, Mark 14:2, John 1:29, 3:16
Luke 22:4-6, 19-20, Matt. 26:26,
Jeremiah 31:31-33

1. What was most memorable, challenging, or encouraging from the message this week?
2. Have you ever been told an agreement, contract, or even a relationship was unconditional or unlimited only to discover there was a catch? What happened?
3. Have you ever experienced unconditional love? If not, do you think unconditional love is possible? Why or why not?
4. What are some things that have influenced your assumptions about the terms and conditions of having a relationship with God? (Reminder: Bilateral Parity Treaty is an agreement between equals; Bilateral Suzerainty Treaty is a king dictating terms and conditions; Promissory Covenant is a unilateral, unconditional promise by God for your benefit.)
5. The Pharisees feared what Jesus might take away if he became king. What are some things you worry he might take away if you allow him to be king in your life?
6. Read Luke 22:19-20. It must have been very difficult for the disciples to understand that Jesus was replacing a system that had defined their entire relationship with God. Is it hard for you to believe that Jesus did everything that was required for you to have a relationship with God? In which areas of your life do you still try to earn God's love?
7. What is one thing you can do this week to more fully embrace your heavenly Father's unconditional love and unlimited forgiveness? How can this group support and encourage you?

MOVING FORWARD

Jesus initiated a new covenant—a new agreement between God and humanity. It includes every nation for every generation, fulfilling God's promise to Abraham and replacing God's covenant with Israel. It is unconditional and unlimited. And it's available to you.

CHANGING YOUR MIND

Spend some time this week reading and reflecting on Matthew 26:17-30, Mark 14:12-26, Mark 14:12-26, Luke 22:7-39 and John 13:1-17:26.