

FOOD FOR THOUGHT *(continued)*

TAKING IT HOME:

1. It's understandable that people, especially those who grew up in church, mix and match Old Testament and New Testament values. Which is easier for you to relate to? Why?

2. In **Matthew 22:37-38**, Jesus said that loving your neighbor and loving yourself is the MOST IMPORTANT commandments. How does simply loving God and loving others actually fulfill ALL the laws of the Old Testament? (Don't kill, don't steal, don't lie...)

3. The book of Hebrews is a document written to Jewish believers in the first century to help them understand how the New Covenant REPLACES the Old Covenant. Is there a way that Christians can appreciate the Old Testament while still living by the values and imperatives of the New Testament?

4. "What does the Bible say about that?" Oftentimes, the Old Testament says one thing while the New Testament says something different. "What does Jesus say about that?" is a much better question to ask.

What would it look like if you began to apply that filter to the different areas of your life?

MESSAGE NOTES

Bible Q&A // Week 2

Understanding the Bible:

1. Jesus initiated a new _____ between God and man.

2. Initially, all of Jesus' followers were _____.

3. Consequently, they _____ covenants.

Stories that help us understand this dynamic:

1. Conversion of Paul in Acts Chapter 9

2. Peter in the home of Cornelius in Acts Chapter 10

3. Council of Jerusalem in Acts Chapter 15

The difference between the Old Testament and the New Testament:

1. The Old Testament was a _____ and _____ covenant with _____.

2. The New Testament is a _____ and _____ covenant with _____!

*Long ago God spoke many times & in many ways to our ancestors through the prophets. And now in these final days, he has spoken to us through his Son. God promised everything to the Son as an inheritance, and through the Son he created the universe. The Son radiates God's own glory and expresses the very character of God... **Hebrews 1:1-3***

*When God speaks of a "new" covenant, it means he has made the first one obsolete. It is now out of date and will soon disappear. **Hebrews 8:13***

*The old system under the law of Moses was only a shadow, a dim preview of the good things to come, not the good things themselves... He cancels the first covenant in order to put the second into effect. **Hebrews 10:1, 9***



MESSAGE NOTES *(continued)*

Why does any of this matter?

1. The New Covenant is not “in addition to”, it’s _____.

2. The “mix & match” approach damages our _____.

VERSE TO REMEMBER:

*For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish [be lost to God] but have eternal life. God sent his Son into the world not to judge the world, but to save the world through him. **John 3:16-17***

QUESTIONS ABOUT THE BIBLE?

You’ve got questions, and we’d love to walk through some of those with you! No question is off limits... “Why do bad things happen to good people?” OR, “Will my pet gerbil, Fluffy, make it to heaven?”

If you want to learn more about the Bible, we have some resources for you... just check out: www.westbridgechurch.com/bible

You can submit questions and we’ll try to answer them during this series!

“Be doers of the word and not hearers only...” *James 1:22*



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We encourage you to take these questions home with you and **WRITE DOWN YOUR ANSWERS**. Bring it with you to Home Church as you discuss how this applies to your life!

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

1. What are 3-5 words you would use to describe the Bible?

How would you describe the impact of the Bible on your life?

2. What was your first Bible lesson or Bible concept that you learned? Have you ever disagreed with or had difficulty accepting a lesson or concept you were taught?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. Read **Acts 10:27-28**, and **Acts 10:34-35**. In your opinion, what is the biggest difference between Peter’s old beliefs and his new beliefs?

2. Read **Acts 15:19**. In what ways do Christians sometimes make it difficult for others to turn to God?