

August 4, 2019

life together

SMALL GROUP
DISCUSSION GUIDE

Main point from Sunday's sermon (Exodus 24):

Only blood, not obedience, sufficient to meet every requirement for our relationship with God! Now let's RECAP:

Re-Read

Re-read Exodus 24. As you do, highlight what you think are the key sentences or phrases. You'll come back to those as you evaluate the main point of the passage shortly.

Evaluate

Using the key statements, sentences, or phrases you highlighted, determine as a group what you think the big idea is.

The main points from Sunday's sermon were:

1. The blood ratifies the covenant (24:1-8)
2. The blood restores communion (24:9-11)
3. The blood renews confidence (24:12-18)

Spend a few minutes connecting the text and the main points. Where in the text do you see the above statements and points?

Citations from the Church

"God knows that the best intentions fall constantly short [so He] provided the blood of sacrifice to be at the ready to cater for each and every lapse from His revealed way," Alec Motyer.

What's significant about the blood of the covenant being poured out when it was? Do you believe the blood is sufficient for "every lapse" from what God expects? Why or why not?

"We may not long for bread, but we long for meaning, intimacy, fulfillment, community, purpose, and joy," Tim Chester.

Do you agree with this quote? Why or why not? How does being invited to the table of renewed fellowship and restored communion with God satisfy those other "needs?" Does it? How?

Application or Advancing the Gospel

In 24:1-8, what's the significance of the blood first being poured out toward God against the altar? As you think about the blood being thrown on the people, how do you respond to that? Does it seem bizarre? Dirty? Foreign? What was the purpose of it? Remember against the altar brought purification, cleansing, and forgiveness. On the people, it seals the covenant, binds them to obedience, and provides a tangible reminder!

Verse 11 says that God "did not lay his hand" on them. In other words, the hostility is melted away; the wrath of God is gone! Where in the Bible do we see this truth displayed? List as many as you can as a group.

God in His infinite holiness is pleased to make the necessary arrangements for us to be brought near, in His Son, so that we may dwell with Him, safely, for all of eternity. What are some examples of this from Exodus 24 or elsewhere in the Bible? We can boldly, with blood-bought confidence, draw near!

Praise

The King of love my Shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never; I nothing lack if I am his, and He is mine for ever. Where streams of living water flow, My ransomed soul he leadeth, Where the verdant pastures grow, With food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, But yet in love he sought me, And on his shoulder gently laid, and home, rejoicing, brought me. In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear Lord, beside me; Thy rod and staff my comfort still, Thy cross before to guide me.

"The King of Love my Shepherd Is," John Rutter