

LIFE GROUP SERMON SUMMARY QUESTIONS

Watch the video summary of the **October 5, 2014 Sermon** (3.5 minutes), "The Final Sacrifice." Please read the sermon passage (Hebrews 9:23-28) together out loud.

Sermon Outline:

AS WE PREPARE FOR COMMUNION . . .

1. **Consider what Christ is doing for us** (23-24)
 - a. Every human effort comes to a "no access" moment when we try to earn salvation.
 - b. Christ is in the heavenly holy place right now, standing in God's presence on behalf of all who trust him.
2. **Consider what Christ has done** (25-26)
 - a. Jesus is the once-for-all sacrifice. He will never need to deal with the penalty for sin again. It is finished.
 - b. No one will have God's judgment against sin softened.
 - i. It is either dealt with head on by the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.
 - ii. Or the sinner will pay the death penalty for his/her sins themselves.
 - c. In Christ, the sinner's sins are forgiven and forgotten.
3. **Consider what Christ will do for us** (27-28)
 - a. He will appear, having put an end to the penalty for sin.
 - b. He will save his people (those waiting for him).

Life Group Discussion Questions

1. Based on #1, above: Do you ever think about what Jesus Christ is doing right now? Does the knowledge that he is representing you in God's presence keep you from sin? Does it challenge your sinful attitudes? Does it increase your love for him? Discuss.
2. Based on #1, above: The things in this world are copies of the true (real) things, in heaven. How do you apply Philippians 4:8 to yourself as you think about the holy place in heaven, where Christ is interceding for you?
3. Based on #2, above: The penalty for your sin (past, present and future) is completely paid if you are trusting Christ alone. Do you think about that often? How does Romans 8:1 impact how you think and feel about your standing before God?
4. Based on #2, above: God forgets your sins. That does not mean he has "cosmic amnesia." It means he forgives those who trust his Son's work, and that he interacts with us as if we have not sinned. Do you forget your sin? Have you forgotten the sins of those who have wronged you?
5. Based on #3, above: No matter how difficult or dark things seem, Christ will make another appearance to finally save those who are waiting for him. What does it mean to be "waiting for him"? Do you think you are waiting for his return? Why?