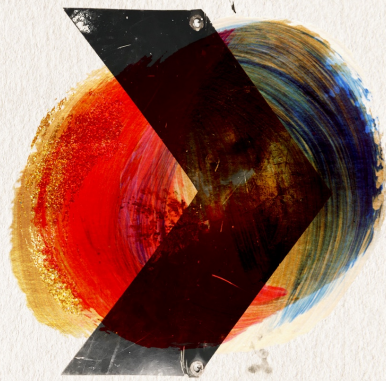


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Sermon Discussion Questions

Greater Covenant – Hebrews 8:7-13 – Jan. 13, 2019

QUESTIONS FOR PERSONAL REFLECTION OR SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION

What are some habits and patterns that you've gotten comfortable with without thinking about them? How are they either helpful or (potentially) harmful?

Do you agree with the distinction Jeff drew between religion and Christianity? Why or why not?

Are there ways you can see a subtle "religious" mindset (I will do X for God as long as he does Y for me) in your attitude towards God or your perceptions of him?

Look at Hebrews 8:9-12. From this passage and what you know about God, in what ways is new covenant through Christ not like the one God made with the Israelites? In what ways is it similar?

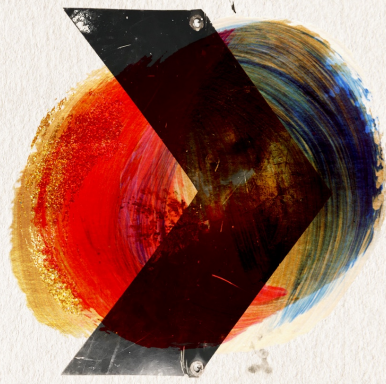
What are the covenant blessings God promises through Christ?

Covenant relationships are about Intimacy in place of Formalism

- How is God speaking to you and changing you?
- Talk about the things God loves (peace, righteousness, justice, defending the weak and vulnerable, etc.). How are those things reflected through your relationship with God?
- Where do you want to grow more in showing that you know God by your life?

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Covenant relationships are about Unity in place of Superiority

- How are you tempted to look to identifiers of your spirituality as the source of your pride or confidence?
- What (kinds of) people are you tempted to look down on? Why?
- How does the new covenant free us to be honest with God about our sins?
- What do you need to confess to God?

Covenant relationships are about Community in place of Individualism

- How does (or should) the church reflect the reality of being a new kind of community?
- Do you agree that being part of a new community redirects our commitments and priorities to relationships in the local church? How is that true in your life?
- Who do you know who should be a part of deeper community at Faith, or who needs to know Jesus' covenantal love? Pray for that person. How will you reach out to him or her?