

LIFE GROUP SERMON SUMMARY QUESTIONS

These questions are for the **May 1, 2016** sermon, "You Have Come." Please read the sermon passage (Hebrews 12:18-24) together out loud. We observed the Lord's Supper on this Sunday.

Sermon Outline:

IN PREPARING FOR COMMUNION, WE MAKE THIS COMPARISON:

1. **Mount Sinai** (18-21)
 - A. "You have not come . . ." (v. 18). The people could not come near to God.
 - B. Representing the holiness and justice of God (cf. Exodus 20:18-21)
 - C. Even here there is grace! Moses instructs the people, "Do not fear" in this place of fear.
 - D. This is the place of inaccessibility, fear and trembling.
 - E. This is our right starting point to understand God's holiness, and man's sinfulness.
2. **Mount Zion** (22-24)
 - A. "You have come . . ." (v. 22). In Christ Jesus, the people could approach God.
 - B. Representing the love and grace of God (cf. Romans 11:26-27)
 - C. Even here there is holiness! Paul writes of the unrepentant being banished.
 - D. This is our place of accessibility, forgiveness, acceptance and welcome.
 - E. You cannot come to Mount Zion, accept through Mount Sinai.

Life Group Discussion Questions

1. Based on #1, above: The people were so afraid that they asked that God would stop talking to them and speak only through Moses (Exodus 20:18-21). Do you have a pattern of sin that has entangled you? If you feared God in a correct way, how might that area of sin be put to death? Do you let your mind consider (and treasure) the just, holy, retribution-paying, mountain-smoking, lightning-sending all powerful holy God?
2. Based on #2, above: God was not required to provide a Mount Zion. Discuss. How might you enter a discussion with someone who wants all of life to be about Mount Zion (love, grace, forgiveness, acceptance and "let me live how I want")?
3. Based on #2, above: God approached us in the person of Jesus Christ. Jesus lived out the demands of the law, living the perfect human life, and he did that because no human could do it. He loves. How can we live a long Christian life without taking for granted the forgiveness, access and grace of God in Jesus?