

LIFE GROUP SERMON SUMMARY QUESTIONS

Communion

These questions are for the **February 24, 2019** sermon, "For Christ Has Entered." Please read the sermon passage (Hebrews 9:23-28) together out loud.

Sermon Outline

AS WE REFLECT UPON JESUS CHRIST, NOTE THE PURPOSE OF . . .

1. The present appearance of our LORD (23-24)
 - a. Sinful OT priests entered the Holy of Holies annually to appear on behalf of the people.
 - b. Jesus is our advocate in heaven . . .
 - i. In the presence of God
 - ii. On our behalf
 - c. Jesus cancels the power of sin.
2. The past appearance of our LORD (25-26)
 - a. Sinful OT priests made repeated sacrifices, anticipating a better sacrifice.
 - b. Our sinless Jesus made one sacrifice for all who trust him.
 - i. He suffered once for all, offering his own blood.
 - ii. Jesus is the sacrifice, offering his own blood (life) for us.
 - c. Jesus cancels the penalty of sin.
3. The future appearance of our LORD (27-28)
 - a. The OT system awaited Messiah, who would fulfill the OT law.
 - b. Jesus will appear again to save those who eagerly await his appearance.
 - c. Jesus will eventually remove the presence of sin forever.

Life Group Discussion Questions

1. Based on #1, above: Jesus, our perfect representative, appears now in the presence of God on behalf of all those who trust him. He is there to defend you. He is there to advocate for you. How does the fact that Jesus is appearing in heaven for you help you to a) forgive others? b) be gracious to your children? c) make time for your unbelieving neighbor? d) love God more?
2. Based on #2, above: Jesus, our perfect representative, has already appeared in order to cancel the penalty of our sin. If you trust Christ, you no longer owe a debt to God the father. Jesus suffered for your sins in order to free you forever! The result of forgiven debt is growing love and thankfulness (Luke 7:41-43). In what way is your love for God through his son growing? Respond to this statement: "Only Jesus Christ could pay my sin debt. And he did."
3. Based on #3, above: Jesus, our perfect Savior, will appear again in the future. Since the penalty for sin is completely paid for those who trust him, Jesus will return in order to save those who are eagerly waiting for him. Are you "eagerly waiting" for Jesus? Are you more excited about his return than your own health? Are you waiting for him more than you are working for yourself? Are you more eager for his return than good relationships with your kids or grandkids? What will be something you treasure highly when Jesus completes your salvation?