

week 14
A Greater Sacrifice
Hebrews 7:11-28

Total Time: 60 minutes (flexible)

opening prayer

Leader Frame (Optional): Tonight is Good Friday. This is not just about what Jesus did—it's about what His sacrifice means right now. Hebrews shows us that Jesus didn't just offer a sacrifice—He is the perfect sacrifice, and because of that, everything changes.

Prayer: "Jesus, help us feel the weight of the cross tonight. Open our eyes to see what You've done and what it means for us. Anchor our hearts in You. Amen."

highlights & connection

Purpose: Connect to instability + longing for something that holds.

opening reflection

- What is something in life that once felt secure but didn't hold?
- Why do people struggle to trust anything fully anymore?

Bridge Statement: We live in a world where promises break, systems fail, and people disappoint. Hebrews speaks directly into that reality—not by offering a better system, but a better Savior.

Key Reminder: You don't need something better to try—you need Someone perfect to trust.

scripture focus

Hebrews 7:23–28 (focus on priesthood, sacrifice, intercession)

Context (Leader Summary)

For generations:

- Priests came and went
- Sacrifices were repeated
- Sin was never fully removed

Even at Passover:

- Thousands of priests
- Hundreds of thousands of lambs

And still... not enough

main discussion focus

Key Truth # 1 - The System Could Not Perfect

- Human priests → imperfect
- Repeated sacrifices → incomplete

Discuss

- Why do people still look to systems, self-improvement, or leaders to fix what only God can?

Key Insight: Good systems can't do what only a perfect Savior can.

JESUS *For us everything* EVERYTHING

Key Truth # 2 - Jesus Is the Perfect Sacrifice

- Sinless
- Complete
- Final

He didn't bring a sacrifice—He became it

Discuss

- Why is it important that Jesus didn't just die, but died as a substitute?

Key Insight: The cross was not an accident—it was the answer.

Key Truth # 3 - Jesus' Work Never Ends

- He lives forever
- He intercedes continually
- His sacrifice never expires

Discuss

- What does it mean that Jesus is still interceding for you?

Key Insight: You are not just saved by what Jesus did—you are sustained by what He is doing.

renewal - the cross and you

Part A- Where Do You Resist Surrender?

Even knowing the gospel, we drift toward:

- Performance
- Earning
- Proving

Discuss honestly:

- Where are you still trying to “be enough” on your own?
- Where do you struggle to believe “it is finished”?

Part B - What the Cross Means for You

From the message:

- His sacrifice never expires
- His intercession never stops
- His access to God never closes

Discuss:

- Which of these do you most need to believe right now?
- How would your life change if you fully trusted that?

Key Line: You don't need to complete what Jesus already finished.

missional living - Live from What Is Finished

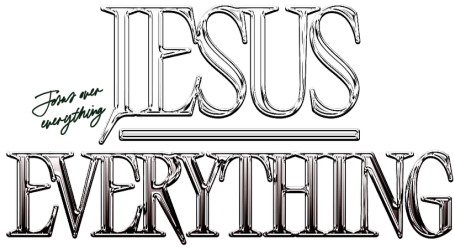
Each person answers:

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missional living - extend peace

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prayer: good friday response

Break into small groups or pairs:

1. **Confession:** “Jesus, here's where I've been striving...”
2. **Surrender:** “I receive what You finished...”
3. **Gratitude:** “Thank You for what Your sacrifice secured...”

final takeaways

- Systems fail—Jesus is perfect
- Sacrifices repeated—His is final
- Priests died—He lives forever
- Work unfinished—He said “It is finished”
- Nothing guaranteed—Jesus is

memory verse

“He is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them”

Hebrews 7:25 (ESV)

discipleship journey connection

This week is about: Surrender Formation

Encourage:

- Releasing performance-based thinking
- Resting in Christ's finished work
- Returning to the cross daily
- Living with confidence, not striving

final note

Keep this group:

- Shorter
- Slower
- Heavier

Let silence do some work.