

Total Time: 60 minutes (flexible)

opening prayer

Leader Frame (Optional): Easter reminds us that Jesus did not come to offer another religious system. He came to secure our future through a better covenant. Tonight is about what that means for us personally—right now.

Prayer: “Jesus, open our eyes to the power of Your resurrection and the beauty of the covenant You secured for us. Help us trust You fully and rest in what You have done. Amen.”

highlights & connection

Purpose: Connect to the human longing for assurance, heaven, and certainty

opening reflection

- Why do you think so many people hope they have “done enough” for God?
- Where do people tend to place their hope for eternity or peace?

Bridge Statement: Most people want heaven, but many are unsure how to get there. Hebrews shows us that eternity is not secured by performance, morality, or effort, but through Jesus Christ alone.

Key Reminder: Heaven is not something you earn. It is something you enter through Christ.

scripture focus

Hebrews 8:1-7

Context (Leader Summary)

Hebrews says Jesus is the greater High Priest who now sits at the right hand of God and mediates a better covenant. The old covenant showed what was right, but it could not make people right. Jesus came not to improve that system, but to fulfill God’s rescue plan through His death and resurrection.

main discussion focus

Key Truth # 1 - The Old Covenant Could Not Get Us There

- It revealed sin
- It showed God’s holiness
- It could not fully remove guilt or change the heart

Discuss

- Why is it important to understand that religion, rules, and effort cannot save us?

Key Insight: The old system could point to the need—but only Jesus could meet it.

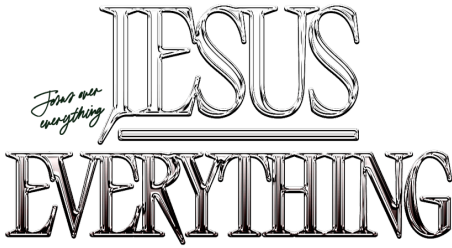
Key Truth # 2 - The New Covenant Is Secured by Jesus

- The Father planned it
- The Son fulfilled it
- We receive it by faith

Discuss

- Why does it matter that this covenant is secured by Jesus and not by your performance?

Key Insight: Your future with God does not rest on your ability to hold everything together, but on Jesus’ finished work.



Key Truth # 3 - The Resurrection Confirms Your Future

- Jesus' blood ratified the covenant
- His resurrection confirmed and secured it forever
- The empty tomb means His promises are still true

Discuss

- How does the resurrection give real assurance, not just inspiration?

Key Insight: The resurrection is not only proof that Jesus is alive—it is proof that what He promised still stands.

renewal - what are you trusting?

Part A- False Saviors

From the message, people often trust:

- morality
- success
- being a good person
- self-improvement
- control

Discuss honestly:

- What are you most tempted to trust instead of Jesus?
- Where do you still feel like you have to "do enough"?

Part B - Better Promises

The new covenant offers:

- a new heart
- a new relationship with God
- full forgiveness
- a secure future

Discuss:

- Which of those promises do you most need to receive right now?
- What would change in your life if you truly believed your future is secure in Jesus?

Key Line: Jesus did not come to help you save yourself. He came to save you completely

missional living - live secure this week

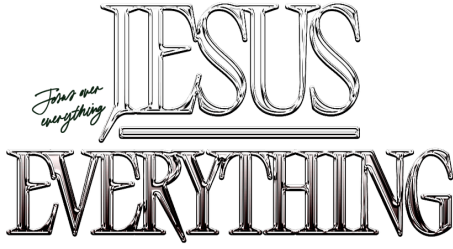
Each person answers:

- What would it look like to live this week like your future is secure in Jesus?
- Where do you need to stop striving and start trusting?
- Who in your life needs to hear that hope is not earned, but received?

Next Week Follow-Up:

- Where did you notice yourself slipping back into striving?
- How did you practice trusting Jesus instead?

Key Line: Because Jesus lives, you can live with confidence, not fear.



prayer: easter response

Break into small groups or pairs:

1. **Confession:** "Jesus, here is where I've been trusting something other than You..."
2. **Faith:** "I place my trust in Your finished work..."
3. **Surrender:** "Thank You that my future is secure through You..."

final takeaways

- The old covenant could reveal sin, but not remove it
- Jesus secured a better covenant through His blood
- The resurrection confirms that His work stands forever
- False saviors fail—Jesus does not
- Your future is secured through Christ

memory verse

““But as it is, Christ has obtained a ministry that is as much more excellent than the old as the covenant he mediates is better, since it is enacted on better promises.”
Hebrews 8:6 (ESV)

discipleship journey connection

This week is about: Assurance Formation

Encourage:

- resting in Christ instead of striving
- rejecting false saviors
- living from resurrection confidence
- returning daily to the better promises of God

final note

Keep this group:

- shorter
- hopeful
- personal

Let the gospel do the heavy lifting.

This week should feel like **resurrection assurance, not religious pressure**