**CHRIST IS THE MEDIATOR OF A NEW COVENANT**

Hebrews 8:1-9:22

Key Verse 9:15 “For this reason Christ is the mediatorof a new covenant,that those who are calledmay receive the promisedeternal inheritance—now that he has died as a ransom to set them free from the sins committed under the first covenant.”

1. What was the first covenant God made with the Israelites? (Exodus 24:7-8) How did the high priests serve under the first covenant? (5; Exodus 25:40)

2. What was the problem with the first covenant (7-8a)? What did the Lord declare through the prophet Jeremiah about the new covenant and how does it differ from the old covenant? (8b-12) What does the word “new” imply (13)?

3. How was the earthly tabernacle arranged (9:1-5)? What was the purpose of the high priest entering the Most Holy Place and what were the limits (6-7; 9-10)?

4. What is the significance of Jesus entering the Most Holy Place by his own blood? (11-14) In contrast to animal blood, what does Christ’s blood do (13-14; Lk 1:74-75)?

5. Read 9:15. Why is Jesus’ death necessary to put the new covenant into effect? (15-22) What does it mean that “Christ is the mediator of a new covenant”?