

Discussion Guide for The Death of God: Part 4

1. Read Matt. 27:50-54 and review the sermon outline.

What parts of Sunday's lesson did you find helpful, enlightening, unclear or troubling?

2. Truth: God's most powerful statement upon the death of His Son was tearing the temple curtain from top to bottom. That old curtain was a sign that access to God was denied but Jesus' death changed everything granting open access to all who would believe in Him.

Read Hebrews 9:1-10

- How does this description of Old Covenant worship emphasize the worshipper's separation from God?
- What do vs.8-10 tell us about the effectiveness and intended duration of the Old Covenant system?

Read Hebrews 9:11-15

- In 9:11, what new role did Jesus take on and where?
- What did Jesus bring with Him into the Heavenly temple in v. 12?
- What was the result of His presentation of His own blood in v.12?
- How does this heavenly aspect of Christ's redeeming work expand your understanding of the death of Christ or His blood?
- What other amazing results are described in vs. 14-15?
- How have you personally experienced the "purifying of your conscience" from past sins and corresponding motivation to serve God as described in v.14?

Read Hebrews 10:11-22

- How do vs. 11-14 emphasize the completed work of Christ?
- What amazing aspects of the New Covenant do vs. 14-18 highlight?
- How have you experienced the New Covenant blessings of v.16?
- What is the empowering invitation of vs. 19-22?
- What is our source of confidence for coming into God's presence?
- How do "confidence" and "full assurance of faith" come out in your relationship with God?