

GROWTH GROUPS

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Hebrews 8:1-13; Daniel 10:12-14

Conversation Starter -

When you were growing up, what commandments or rules did your parents put on the refrigerator or other prominent place to help you to grow up? Describe your first experience in maturing in faith when you realized that you or someone you loved had finally gotten what the Church or your parents had been trying to teach you in terms of God's law and the Christian way of living. What was it like for you when you first realized that coming to please God was not a matter of doing everything right?

Understanding -

Hebrews 8:1-13 - At this point in the book of Hebrews we experience a great transition from Old Covenant to the New Covenant. God's promise to do a new thing in the lives of the human race is a powerful desire, calling, and equipping to position us to please God. The Old Covenant is often thought of as expressed in the Ten Commandments. This new covenant is a spiritual alignment to love God and neighbors through hearts that are transformed by God in a new creation rather than just growing up religious; often expressed in the Great Commandment.

1. How does this change of message from external (Old Covenant) to internal (New Covenant) change how we live our faith? Which motivates you to please God more?
2. In the New Covenant we experience God writing His law on our heart and mind (8:10). What kinds of things does God write on our hearts and minds today?
3. How does the Holy Spirit help you to obey and live faithfully in this New Covenant? When the scripture says that the Old Covenant was fulfilled and become obsolete, does that mean that we no longer obey or honor the old? Why?

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