

GROWTH GUIDE

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14

Share: Get Talking

- What Christmas traditions do you and your family have around Christmas each year?
- If you were one of the Wise Men, what modern-day gift would you bring to Jesus?
- What's your all-time favorite Christmas movie... and what's the best quote from it?

Study: Go Deeper

Read Hebrews 9:15-28, what insights or principles stood out to you as you studied the passage and heard it preached this week?

Jesus came to be the mediator you can trust: Draw Near!

V15-17

- According to Hebrews 9:15, what does it mean that Jesus is the mediator of a new covenant? How is this different from the old covenant?
- Verses 16-17 compare covenant to a “will” that requires a death. How does this strengthen your understanding of why the incarnation (the manger) had to lead to the cross?
- In what ways does Jesus' role as mediator answer humanity's deepest problem that began in Genesis 1:27 and Isaiah 59:2?
- When you reflect on Jesus as the trustworthy mediator, what keeps you from drawing near to God more freely?
- What is one specific way you can take a step closer to Him this week?

Jesus came to Cleanse you completely by His blood: Let Go! V18-22

- Read Hebrews 9:18–22. Why was blood necessary in the old covenant? How does this symbolism point to the sufficiency of Christ's blood?
- Considering Romans 3:23 and Romans 6:23, how does the reality of sin show our need for a cleansing we could never provide for ourselves?
- Scripture teaches that Christ died to bring us to God (1 Peter 3:18). How does the completeness of Christ's cleansing work challenge our tendency toward shame, guilt, or trying to “earn” our standing with God?
- What is something you need to “let go” of because Christ has fully cleansed you—a failure, a fear, a sin pattern, or an identity you've been holding onto?

3. Jesus came to offer the Sacrifice that Secures You Forever: Live Bold! Hebrews 9:23-28

- According to verses 23–26, what makes Christ's sacrifice final and better than the repeated sacrifices under the old covenant?
- Hebrews 9:27 states that life is brief and judgment is certain. How does that truth both sober us and anchor our hope?
- Verse 28 says Jesus will appear a second time to save those who eagerly wait for Him. How does this promise shape the way we view the future, suffering, or uncertainty?
- Living Bold: Of the four unshakable reasons to live bold, which one do you personally resonate most with right now?
 - Christ represents me before God
 - His sacrifice is final and complete
 - Life is brief and judgment is certain
 - Salvation is guaranteed for those who wait for Him

- What does “living bold” for Jesus look like in the week leading up to Christmas—in your relationships, conversations, or habits?

Support: Grow Together

- What’s the hardest part of following Jesus for you right now?
- What’s one place in your life where you truly want to see God change you?
- How can we walk alongside you this week so you don’t walk alone?