

## MAIN POINT

*Jesus established a new covenant based upon God's good promises.*

## INTRODUCTION

Have you ever had a great idea for an invention? What was it? What prompted your idea?

What invention has had the greatest impact on your life? Why?

The most significant inventions are those that meet a need and/or enable us to do what we cannot do on our own. God "invented" the new covenant to meet our need. We are unable to keep the law on our own. Only Christ can remove our sins and transform us. Through faith in Him, we can begin to live a life that demonstrates righteousness.

## DISCUSSION

### > READ HEBREWS 8:1-13.

How did the writer of Hebrews highlight the need for a new covenant? Why is this significant?

What does it mean to you that the salvation we have in Christ can never be improved on and doesn't need to be improved?

How does a copy or shadow compare to the real thing? Why do you think the writer of Hebrews referred to earthly priests as a "copy and shadow"?

What does the picture of Jesus being seated at the Father's right hand in the throne room of heaven say to you about Jesus's identity?

How does this passage remind you that God keeps His promises? What promises are you depending on Him to keep? How has God fulfilled promises in your life?

Read Jeremiah 31:31-32. Why is it significant to see God's promise in the Old Testament for this new covenant?

How does the new covenant describe the relationship with God and His people? How have you personally experienced this relationship with God?

How does verse 12 speak to God's forgiveness? In what situation do you need to remember that God will forgive you completely?

## APPLICATION

Are you looking for something "new" from God? How can you remind yourself of the fullness of what He's already given to you in His new covenant?