CHRIST: THE CURE FOR A CONDEMNING CONSCIENCE

INTRODUCTION

The early Christians were being pressured to abandon Jesus. Into this situation, the author of Hebrews writes to convince them that Jesus is better than anything the Old Covenant offered. In today's text, Hebrews reminds us that Jesus can cleanse the conscience.

INSTRUCTIONS

This guide is meant to facilitate discussion which will lead to a response to God's word. Therefore, please use it as tool that best fits the needs of your community group.

OPENING DISCUSSION

- Read Hebrews 10:1-29
- What do you find interesting/compelling/confusing about this passage?

REVIEW

- Discuss the ways the author of Hebrews contrasts the incomplete Old Testament sacrifices with the finished work of Jesus.
- Discuss some comforts that come from the knowledge that Jesus was tempted in all ways as we are.
- Discuss the role of the church in the perseverance of the believer.

APPLICATION

- What are some unhelpful ways you seek to calm/numb your conscience?
- What are some ways that fellow church members have encouraged your faith? Spurred you to good works?
- What are some ways you have sought to encourage one another to love and good deeds?

PRAYER (divide the group based on gender if desired)

- What action/repentance does God want you to take according to the truths of this text?
- Are there any other prayer needs