ICEBREAKER

What do you turn to when life gets hard, i.e. being alone, the company of friends or family, hobbies, sports, etc.?

CONTEXT

Since the end of chapter 4, the author has repeatedly made the point that Jesus is the greater high priest. In this passage, he specifically identifies this out as the main point to his readers. If there has been any confusion so far, it is being cleared up right now. He shows them their need for a greater covenant by pointing to the need for a greater priest.

READ

Hebrews 8:1-13

DISCUSS

After everything we've read in the past few chapters, why do you think the author specifically points out his main point?

DISCUSS CONTINUED

Why is it significant that Jesus is sitting at the "right hand of the throne of the Majesty in heaven"? What is He doing while He's there?

What is the difference between the old covenant and the new covenant? Why is this significant for us today?

Why was there a need for the new covenant?

Why is the new covenant better?

NEXT STEPS

In the Icebreaker section, you discussed where you turn when life gets hard. This passage was written you believers that were tempted to turn back to an "old covenant" that had been replaced by the new covenant through Christ's finished work on the cross.

What is the "old covenant" that you turn to when life gets hard?

What is one thing you can do this week to replace the old with the new?

