



COMMUNITY Groups

April 16th, 2017: ONCE FOR ALL

OPENING

- What did you think of this week's message? What stood out to you? What challenged you?
- If you could pick one chore that you didn't have to do over and over anymore, what would it be and why?

DISCUSS & APPLY

Read Hebrews 9:6-14

- Why is sacrifice needed for us to enter the presence of God? In what ways do you feel like you need to constantly sacrifice and serve in order for God to be pleased with you? How does Jesus' resurrection free you from that treadmill?
- How is the sacrifice of Jesus different and better than any other sacrifice offered before him?
 - How is the sacrifice of Jesus better than anything **we** could sacrifice for God? What does that mean for how we worship him?
- What are the things in your life that you tend to replace God with? How have those things kept you on the treadmill?
- Redemption means "to buy back, or to change ownership." What does it mean that Jesus' death and resurrection obtained an eternal redemption for us? How is that significant for our lives today?
- When Jesus entered the Most Holy Place "once for all," he made it possible for all people to enter the presence of God through him. What are some other, less-successful ways that we try to get on God's good side? What should we do when we feel like God is distant?

Read Romans 6:8-11

- The phrase "once for all" appears in this passage, just like Hebrews 9:12. How is it being used in this passage? How does it help us further understand the importance of Jesus' death and resurrection?
- In what ways have you been alive to sin and dead to God? What would it look like for you to count yourself dead to sin and alive to God in Jesus Christ?

FINAL APPLICATION

Reread Hebrews 9:14. Each one of us struggles with allowing the gospel to totally free us from holding on to a guilty conscious. What is keeping you from receiving Jesus' forgiveness and freedom this Easter?



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PRAY

Easter is all about resurrection and new life. However, being on the treadmill can make us feel like we're dying. Maybe it's your job, a relationship, or a habit you haven't been able to break. In groups of 3-4, discuss where each person feels like they're entangled and suffering, and then in prayer ask in Jesus' name for a clean conscious and the ability to live a new life.