

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS



### Overview

Sermon: *Greater Sacrifice*. Bottom line: *Jesus is your confidence*.

*“So do not throw away your confidence; it will be richly rewarded...”* – Hebrews 10:39

The Mosaic law was a shadow but Jesus is whom the shadow points. The High Priest was a shadow but Jesus the Superior High Priest with a forever priesthood. Animals sacrifices were a shadow of the “once for all” sacrifice of Jesus the spotless lamb. The law of God and the temple sacrifices are types and remind of us of our sin. Jesus is the reality and releases us from the burden of our sin. Sacrifices and burnt offerings God does not desire. They could never take away our sin and reconcile us to God. Jesus offered up his life, a greater sacrifice and the Father raised him from the dead. Jesus did what nothing else could.

### Discussion

1. What do you think it means to have confidence? Describe something in which you are confident. What makes something real to you?
2. From Hebrews 10, How does the writer describe the law? How was the law limited in what it could do? How does chapter 10 describe Jesus? Explain.
3. God has a preference. Why does he prefer obedience over sacrifices and offerings? What did Jesus come to do for God? What does that mean for us?
4. How does the sacrifice of Jesus become our confidence? How might a person “throw away” (put confidence in yourself or idols) their confidence in Jesus? What would make a person “shrink back” (give in to fear) from that confidence?

### Application

5. Where is God giving you confidence in Jesus? Give him praise for his grace. What is something that might help you to keep your confidence in Jesus?
6. Have you been placing more confidence in yourself? Is there something you have made an idol? Have you been afraid to fully trust in Jesus when you are pressed? Confess, repent, ask for forgiveness and ask God to give you an extra measure of faith.

Sermon Notes:

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