

Compassion of God

Hebrews 4:14-16

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Note: This tool is designed for groups, though it can be used for personal study. It is also designed to equip and motivate you to share the gospel with others. Don't just learn it; do it.

Target Passage → Hebrews 4:14-16

- 1) The Letter to the Hebrews describes how superior Jesus and the New Covenant are to the Old Covenant. What did you learn about the Old Covenant and the New Covenant "in His blood"?
- 2) The recipients of the Letter to the Hebrews struggled to live out the New Covenant "in His blood." Like a car out of alignment, they tended to drift back to the Old Covenant that had been replaced by the death and resurrection of Jesus. How do individual Christians and Christian churches today drift in similar ways to the Old Covenant? Discuss.
- 3) Scripture teaches that God knows everything about us and has lovingkindness toward us. Given those two aspects of God's character, what can we know about how our trials, testings, and temptations impact God?
- 4) Our passage today teaches that Jesus experienced trials, testings, and temptations in every respect as we do, yet did not sin. Tim gave a summary of how Jesus grew up as well as a list of what He experienced in his time of ministry. What specific trials/testings/temptations jump out at you and why?
- 5) Why does it matter that Jesus faced the same trials/testings/temptations as we face? What does knowing that do to you in the middle of your most difficult current struggle?
- 6) Vs. 16 gives us our SO WHAT? Come boldly to receive mercy and grace to help in our time of need. What does it mean for us to "come boldly"? Discuss HOW God brings this help. Be specific.
- 7) Tim suggested one big way God brings, or better yet, SENDS help from His throne of grace through other believers. (See II Corinthians 1:3-7.) Describe a struggle you faced and what it meant when another believer who had faced a similar struggle stepped beside you to walk with you?

For the Mission →

How might our reaching out with compassion to lost people who are going through a struggle be both a blessing and redemptive?