



# DIGGING DEEPER

Hebrews 8v1-13 – A Better Covenant

**PLEASE READ** – Hebrews 8v1-13

## **GETTING STARTED**

Look at v13 and chat about the language of being ‘obsolete’ with specific reference to the Old Covenant...

Does that mean the Old Covenant was of no value at all?

### **1) A BETTER MINISTRY (v1-5)**

What do we learn about the ministry of Jesus in v1-2?

In what ways is his ministry superior to that of the OT priests? (See v3-5) Focus in on the words ‘copy’ and ‘shadow’

Are we in danger of falling back into OT ways of ‘drawing close to God’? If so, how?

## 2) A BETTER COVENANT (v6-13)

What do we learn in v6-7?

What were some of the distinctive features of the old covenant? (See Ex 19-4-5)

Why then was it ineffective? (v8)

What does God promise through the prophet Jeremiah? (v8-12)

Identify some of the main blessings of being a new covenant people of God...

What has encouraged you most?

**Meditate on the words of Ezekiel below...**

**Ezekiel 36v26-27:** I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. <sup>27</sup> And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws.