

Discussion Guide
Sincerely: wk4 A Whole New Family
January 21, 2024



Big Idea

Christ throws open the door to knowing God, welcoming you to be a part of this Jesus family.



Icebreaker

Christ ushered in change. What is a significant & healthy change you have experienced in your life?



Discussion Questions

1. Read Genesis 3:22-24. To what couple did this occur? Why did this “*Stay Out!*” declaration of God take place & who was responsible for it? Who did it impact? Do you think God enjoyed employing justice here; why or why not?
2. Read Genesis 12:1-3 & 22:15-18. In the Old Testament what group of people exclusively laid claim to the promises here? Why do you think God established the “*Come In!*” declaration during this time in history to seemingly be exclusive? The passages refer to how *all peoples & all nations* will be blessed because of these Old Testament people. How would that come to be fulfilled?
3. Read Hebrews 9:6-15. This set of scriptures depict the former way of things and the new (under Christ) way of things. Why is the new (Christ) way of things superior? What kinds of things may we continue to do today that mirror the former way of things when it comes to trying to receive absolution of our sin(s) before God? Are these things effective? Are they necessary? Do they have any purpose?
4. Read John 2:19-22. What is Jesus stating here and what was the implication of it then? What is the implication of it now/today? How may you need to appropriately respond to His claim today?
5. Read 1 Peter 2:4-10. Pick out each thing that is said of the Christian in these verses and discuss the implication of each, including an appropriate application of them?
6. Read Hebrews 4:16 S-L-O-W-L-Y and then take a quiet minute to re-read it silently & reflect upon it. Once complete share what you are struck with from this verse and how you may respond to it.



Concluding Question

Share an Observation and/or an Application from your time this past week engaging with this Sermon Series’ reading plan.



Application

1. What do you think the Holy Spirit may be saying to you through this sermon and our discussion?
2. What is something God wants you to do now?
3. Is there a way we can help each other apply what God is showing us?



Prayer Many of us know and are blessed by our church’s diligent, committed, and faithful Prayer Team. How about we take a few minutes to pray for them...that as individuals they would feel & receive Jesus’ ministry to them. They give so much so allow them to receive, Lord!