**Journey group questions based on Craig’s sermon 12/7/20**

**The Tension of Two Covenants**

**Reading**: Hebrews 9

**1. Make a chart with the headings: “1st covenant” and “2nd covenant”**

List in detail the features of each covenant looking at the relevant sections in Heb 9 and your knowledge from the Old Testament.

**The first covenant** Hebrews 9: 1-10,16-22

Reminders from the sermon:

Hebrews 9:1-5

* 1. Man Made - A description of its layout.
  2. Limited - to a geographical location
  3. Limited to a select group of people
  4. inferior to the second tabernacle: rules, regulations, ceremonial external washing so they could come to worship. Has the potential to become a religious focusrather than heart felt, relational,

Hebrews 9:7-9

* 1. Limited - Intercession for the people was done by man for man.
  2. Limited value as the sacrifice had to be repeated
  3. make-shift tabernacle, waiting to be replaced

**The second covenant** verses11-15, 23-28 and *Jeremiah 31:31,33,34*

Reminders:

Craig: *For all that, you would want some value, cost benefit.  If you’re still the same person, same issues, fears, struggles after doing all that, not ever able to connect with the God you are worshipping, what would be the point?*

Here are some more ideas Craig outlined if you get stuck:

* *Clean conscience -we are changed*
* *Life with purpose, peace and blessing.*
* *True advocate friend and savior*
* *Confidence, freedom and full access – in our time of need.*
* connecting to God ourselves.
* not caught up in futile religious activity

**2. . *…a better way..* Dwell on the better deal we have through the new covenant. What does it mean realistically in each of our lives?**

Craig entitled his sermon: “That we would Worship him”. Praise God now for the encouragement of this chapter for us.