



MINISTERS OF THE NEW COVENANT

As Maury Hills enters its next 25 years, what do you hope remains unchanged about the church?

What might need to change for us to continue being effective ministers of the new covenant?

TALK ABOUT IT

[Read 2 Cor. 3:1-6.](#)

Paul describes believers as “ministers of a new covenant.”

What do you think that means in everyday life?

Where has God placed you to represent Jesus?

Paul contrasts something written on tablets of stone (The 10 Commandments) with something written on human hearts (The law of grace and forgiveness).

What difference do you see between simply following religious rules and allowing God to transform your heart?

The sermon described the old covenant as something that could reveal sin but could not ultimately cure it, while the new covenant brings life through Christ and the Spirit.

How does that distinction affect the way you understand obedience?

[Read 2 Cor. 3:7-11.](#)

Paul says the old covenant had glory, but the new covenant has a much greater glory.

What makes the new covenant better?

APPLY IT

Russ emphasized three words that should characterize life in Christ: hope, confidence, and freedom.

Which of those three do you most strongly experience in your relationship with God? Which one is hardest for you?

Imagine a version of Christianity that causes you to live primarily with fear, guilt, or uncertainty about your standing with God.

How has or would that affect your relationship with him?

What is the difference between obedience that grows out of fear and obedience that grows out of grace and love?

Russ said, "It's hard to be a minister of a new covenant when you're still following the scripts of the old covenant."

What are some "old scripts" Christians can still carry that are inconsistent with grace?

[Read 2 Cor. 3:17.](#)

"Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom."

What does Christian freedom mean? What does it not mean?

A GREAT WAY TO CLOSE IN PRAYER

Pray about this together.

Our job is not to fix the world, save the world, rule the world, condemn the world, judge the world. Our job is to introduce them to Jesus, and he will take care of the rest.