

## **LIFEGROUP NOTES: JEREMIAH 31:31-34**

*As ever, please use (or discard!) these ideas as is most suitable for your group. Don't feel you have to use everything.*

### **Introduction**

1. Think of a time your closeness with the Lord was restored after something disrupted it. What brought about the restoration?

### **Read Jer 31:31-34**

2. What went wrong under the old covenant, according to v.32? In what ways did Israel break the covenant?
3. What does it mean to have God's laws written on our hearts (v.33)? How does this differ from the old covenant? In what ways have you experienced a new desire to do God's will since you became a follower of Christ?
4. How does the new covenant promise a new level of intimacy with God (vv.33-34)? How does this differ from the old covenant? Notice that Jeremiah's understanding of "knowing God" goes way beyond private spirituality; it includes an ethical and social dimension (see Jer 9:24; 22:16). How is this reflected in your life?
5. In v.34 God promises a wonderful forgiveness. How is this achieved in the new covenant (see Mt 26:28; 1Cor 11:25)? How is this better than the old covenant (see Hebrews 10:1-18)? How do you react to God's promise to "remember their sins no more"?
6. How would you sum up God's promises through Jeremiah in this passage? In what ways are you encouraged and strengthened?

### **Responding in Prayer**

- Thank God for His new covenant with us in Christ. Pray for areas in your life where you feel broken and need His restoration.

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