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**Session 2 – “Brand-New Agreement”  
(Chapters 6 - 7)  
January 15, 2022**

**Opening Prayer**

**Opening Statement/Question...**

On the evening prior to his crucifixion, which nobody in the room saw coming, Jesus met with the Twelve for the Passover meal. Passover was one of the most, if not *the* most, important celebrations for ancient Jews...Jesus used his final Passover meal to announce the end of Passover as they knew it and to signal the inauguration of a new covenant. Not a new covenant between God and an individual, as was the case with Abraham. Not a covenant between God and a particular nation, as was the case with Israel. This was the big one.

The final one.

The everlasting one.

This was a covenant between God and the human race. Every nation for every generation. The inauguration of a new covenant signaled the *fulfillment* of God's promise to Abraham. Finally, something for everybody. With the inauguration of the new covenant, every nation will be blessed.

**What do you think?**

**Session 2 Video...**

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- God's agenda for *a* nation...God's agenda for *all* nations...
- The arrival of something "brand new"...
- The most offensive statement ever...
- On smuggling the old into the new...
- The *Five Solas*...
- Mix-and-match in the modern church...

#### Follow Up Questions...

1. What comment of Andy's provoked you the most? What got your attention? What emotions were raised?
2. Andy said that despite how we perceive the Old Testament, he's not discounting the importance of Jewish Scripture. He is actually trumpeting the approach Jesus held. What do you think was Jesus's perspective on the Old Covenant/Law/Hebrew Bible (don't peak at the next question!)?

**3. Scripture Focus:**

*Jeremiah 31:31-34 -*

*Hebrews 8:4-13 –*

*Hebrews 13:9-16, 20-21 -*

**What is the common denominator in these passages? What word do all these verses use to describe the covenant Jesus came to usher in?**

- 4. New things do not generally bother us. Only until we recognize that “new” means letting go of the old. This was the HUGE outrage with Jesus’s last Passover meal with the disciples – leading to his arrest, abuse, and killing. This new covenant He was ushering in brought *OUTRAGE!***

**Luke 22:14-19 (reframing the Meal)...**

- 5. Andy addressed mix-and-match theology towards the end of the video. Which of the following examples best reflects your observations of contemporary Christianity? Which are the most detrimental to the cause of Christ, and why?**

- *Christians are moving to post the Ten Commandments in classrooms and courtrooms.*
- *Children are handed copies of the Old Covenant bound with the New, with no explanation to the difference between the two.*
- *Some churches have priests.*
- *Christians refer to their pastors as “anointed”.*
- *Some Christian leaders warn of God’s impending judgment.*
- *Some Christians believe that God is “judging the nations”.*
- *Christian parents are kicking out their son or daughter for being gay or pregnant.*
- *Christian leaders declare a tsunami of God’s judgment on Muslim regions of the world.*
- *Christians judge non-Christians for their non-Christian behavior.*
- *Pastors broad-brush scriptural references by saying, “The Bible says...”*
- *Christians glean dating and marital advice from King Solomon (the biblical book The Song of Songs/Solomon), who had more than 700 wives and an additional 300 concubines.*

**As long as we cling to the *old* Jesus came to replace, we will never fully appreciate, experience, or even recognize the new he came to put in place. – Andy Stanley**

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***“Irresistible” Session 3 – Sunday, January 22 \*\*5:00 PM\*\*  
(Covers Chapters 8 – 13 in “Irresistible”)***