

Growth Group Discussion

Fall

Week 6

We use these times to *grow spiritually and to deepen our relationships*.

In this message series, we're focusing on how Jesus is "better"—better than any other pursuit or priority we could build our lives around. Right now, we're focusing on seven aspects in which Jesus is **better**.

Theme Passage: In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets at many times and in various ways, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom also he made the universe. The Son is the radiance of God's glory and **the exact representation of his being**, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven.— Hebrews 1:1-3

Getting to Know You

Did you ever try to make something better in a way that ended hilariously badly? If it's something that can give you and others a laugh, share with the group.

Better.—Part 4

Reflection and Discussion

1. What stood out to you most from Sunday's message?

2. On Sunday, we talked about some of God's qualities that Jesus represents in human form. How do you see Jesus reflecting the reality of His father in the following five attributes? Feel free to use multiple scriptures or accounts. How does/can meditating on these realities help increase the "resolution" and accuracy of your image of God?

- a) Authority and power over everything
- b) Completely unconcerned with our expectations of Him
- c) Moved by our plight and Interested in our well-being
- d) Utterly serious about holding us accountable for our response to opportunities He grants us
- e) Totally committed to loving us and acting in our best interests

3. On Sunday, the questions were asked, "Are you building your life around Jesus? Are you pursuing him and prioritizing his priorities?" If you have been moved, challenged, or convicted to re-assign value and re-align anything in your viewpoint or everyday actions, would you share it with the group?

4. Reflect on the fifth of the seven phrases in our theme passage: "**sustaining all things by his powerful word**". What do you think that means? What implication does it have for your outlook and life?

Family Reminders

Teen Retreat

We'll be hosting a teen retreat serving teens throughout Florida next weekend **October 27th to 29th**. Sign up at the Welcome Center to help with housing and/or to volunteer! For more info, contact Chip Fowler at (904) 545-4446.

Camping Trip—Don't Wait!

Campsite reservations for our annual Camping Trip to Stephen Foster campground in Georgia the weekend of **November 10-12** (Friday and Saturday nights) are happening at the Welcome Center on Sundays. You can pay with cash, credit card, or check. Any additional nights you wish to stay can be made directly with the campground (Stephen C. Foster State Park at 1- 800-864-7275).

Special Offering

You can turn in a talent goal card (for the first time or additional goals) and/or give to our special offering this year **AT ANY TIME** during the year, using red envelopes in the pews. There is no special giving date or cutoff date (other than New Year's Eve:) We can do it!

Overall Talent Goal: \$80K

Offered To Date: \$52K