HEBREWS

GREATER THAN

In Hebrews, we see three major — and continual — themes. First, Jesus Christ is greater than any angel, priest, or old covenant practice. Second, Christians must not forsake the great salvation that Jesus has brought about. And third, believers must hold on by faith to the true rest found in Christ, and must encourage others in the church to do the same.

Group Discussion

Main Text:
Hebrews 1:1-14, Hebrews 2:1, Hebrews 12:1-2

1. Read Hebrews 12:1-2. Hebrews was written to a group of believers who were exhausted and struggling, with this message: **Fix your eyes on Jesus**. What are you exhausted with or struggling with right now? What toll is this taking on your faith, your relationships, and your life? How is fixing your eyes on Jesus the answer to your exhaustion?

2. Hebrew Christians faced a lot of persecution for their faith. We're blessed to live in a place where we are free to worship, but that doesn't mean being a Christian is easy in our culture. What difficulties do you face as a Christian today?

3. Read Hebrews 1:3. Jesus has the same authority as God. Scripture even tells us God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit are all one, but in three distinct persons called the Trinity. It's totally okay if that's confusing, but how would you explain the Trinity to someone else?

4. Read Hebrews 1:4-7. **Jesus is greater than angels**. What do you think angels are like? How do you picture them?

5. Read Hebrews 1:8-9. **Jesus has greater authority**. What things do people in our world look to as their highest authority? What things threaten to have more authority in your life than Jesus?

Next Steps

Most people today probably don't struggle with placing angels above Jesus. But many of us do place other things above him daily (relationships, family, careers, money, appearance, pleasure, stuff, etc.).

What is trying to take Jesus' throne in your life? What will you do this week to fix your eyes on Jesus and remember **Jesus is greater**?

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