

Who is Jesus? | to know him is to love him

Pioneer of our Salvation

Hebrews 2:5-18

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Review: Where did you find yourself relating to God more as an object than a being? What adjustments were you able to make to help you understand God's desire for relationship?

Introduction: "Do you love me?" It's the question at the heart of life. Jesus asked it. For Jesus the story of our lives is the story of our loves. So what do we love most? And what is most worthy of our love? Those who first knew him and saw him risen from the dead became convinced that the answer must be: Jesus. They knew how much he loved them, and they loved him. Their lives and their world were transformed by that love. But how can we love him today? How can our hearts be awakened and reshaped by love for him? We begin by getting to know him. To know him is to love him. The New Testament epistle to the Hebrews has been called "the fifth gospel" because it presents rich images of Jesus not on earth but in his ongoing heavenly ministry. These images not only tell us what he does but – who he is. It's good news that gives us great hope and rekindles our affections for so great a Savior.

This week we examine how Jesus pioneers a life free from death, free from fear.

Pray: LORD Jesus, help us understand what you have done on our behalf. Amen.

Read: Hebrews 2:5-18

Discussion:

1. According to the text, how is Jesus a pioneer/leader for us?
2. What qualifies Jesus to be your pioneer/leader?
3. How does the fact that Jesus is the pioneer give us assurance/confidence to follow him?
4. What is the significance of Jesus calling you his brother/sister?
5. How does that affect your relationships with others in the church?
6. Who pointed you in the direction of this Jesus as the pioneer?

Who have you pointed in same direction?

Application: Examine your daily life. Consider where you are following the pioneering work of Jesus. Consider where you are following someone or something else.

How can better you align yourself with your calling into a relationship with Jesus?

Pray: Messiah Jesus, LORD of the universe, help us live into our role as your sister/brother. Amen