



Main Scripture: Hebrews 2:5-9

## Our destiny (v 5-8)

(Gen 1:26-28; Dan 7:18, 27; Rev 3:21; Eccl 3:11)

## Our destiny restricted (v 8)

(Gen 3:16, 17-19; 1 Jn 5:19)

## Our destiny restored (v 9)

(Rom 6:23; Mat 28:18, 20; Rev 5:9-10; Rom 8:19-23; Is 2:4, 11:6, 8-9; Heb 2:6)

## How to Become a Follower of Jesus

1. Acknowledge that Jesus Christ is the only way to God and that you need Him in your life.

John 8:12, *“Then Jesus again spoke to them, saying, ‘I am the Light of the world; he who follows Me will not walk in the darkness, but will have the Light of life.’”*

2. Be willing to turn from the things that God would not approve of as outlined in the Bible, and instead, decide to live according to His Word; honour Jesus Christ by how you live your life. (Repentance)

Ephesians 5:8, 9-11, *“... Live as children of light (for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth) and find out what pleases the Lord. Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them.”*

3. Believe that Jesus Christ died for you on the cross and rose from the grave and accept His payment on your behalf.

John 3:16, *“For God so loved the world that He gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.”*

4. Through prayer, invite Jesus Christ to come into your life. Expect the Holy Spirit to live with you, live in you and give you power to live His way.

This prayer enables you to live eternally with Christ in heaven.

*Lord Jesus,*

*I know that I am a sinner and that I need Your forgiveness. I believe that You died for my sins and I trust in You alone for my salvation. I choose to turn away from the things in my life of which You don't approve and now surrender my life to You. I invite You to come and reign and rule in my heart and life and open my spirit. Establish Your presence within me. I want to know the power of the Holy Spirit working in me and live forever with You in the Kingdom of God. I choose to trust and follow You as my Lord and Saviour. Amen.*

# “Our Created Destiny” | October 2 & 3, 2021

The Small Group Sermon Study

Hebrews 2:5-9



**Opening Prayer:** Father, in Jesus’ name, through the Holy Spirit, come and speak to us, teach us and transform us as we read, discuss and reflect on Your word.

**Ice Breaker:** Natural abilities vs. Spiritual gifts

- What things in life give you a deep sense of satisfaction, exhilaration and excitement? How do they reveal your natural abilities and unique contribution to society and the people around you?
- After we have chosen to follow Jesus Christ, there is an added element – the Holy Spirit. How have you seen evidence of spiritual gifts in yourself that uniquely contribute to the Kingdom of God?

**Reflection:** Review key points of the passage/sermon

1. Our Destiny – Reflect on Hebrews 2:5-8, Genesis 1:26-28, Daniel 7:18, Revelation 3:21. How do these passages reveal God’s original design and destiny for His people?
2. Our Destiny Restricted – Reflect on Hebrews 2:8c, Genesis 3:16-19, 1 John 5:19.
  - a. God had delegated authority over all creation to Adam and Eve, but they gave their authority over to Satan. In what ways do you see evidence today of how our destiny was given up?
  - b. How are you tempted to disregard God’s instructions for life, conduct in your relationships, or stewardship of resources? In what ways are you “giving up your destiny?”
3. Our Destiny Restored – Reflect on Hebrews 2:9; Matthew 28:18, 20; Revelation 5:9-10; Romans 8:19-23; Isaiah 2:4, 11:6-9; Hebrews 2:6.
  - a. In Christ we once again can walk in our destiny, not only in this life, but in the life to come. How has Jesus restored our destiny and what can this look like in our lives? In our group?
  - b. How does this restored authority impact our/your desire to expand the Kingdom of God?

**Personal reflection:** Silently re-read the key passage(s) of Scripture from the sermon, asking the Holy Spirit to speak to you.

4. What emotions does this passage, or the key theme, stir up in you? What do you need to surrender to Jesus? How will you respond to what God is showing you?
5. What verse, phrase or word do you need to take with you this week? How will you act on what you’ve heard?

**Prayer:** Spend time praying for one another and invite the Holy Spirit to transform the way we think about our purpose, design and destiny. Share, and ask forgiveness for, ways you sense you have given over your God-given destiny. Pray for the Holy Spirit to inspire new hope and desire to live this out.