

Main Scripture: Hebrews 1:2-3

I'm thankful that ...

<u>Jesus</u> came communicating. (v 2)

<u>Jesus</u> has a lot to share with us. (v 2) (Rom 8:17, 1 Pet 1:4)

<u>Jesus</u> created this earth and sustains it. (v 2-3)

<u>Jesus</u> created a way that I might connect with God. (v 3)

<u>Jesus</u> is sitting at the right hand of God. (v 3) (Heb 10:12; Acts 6:8, 7:1, 54-56; Rom 8:34-35)

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## How to Become a Follower of Jesus and Join God's Family

1. <u>Acknowledge</u> 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 <u>willing to turn</u> from the things that God would not approve of as outlined in the Bible, and instead, <u>decide</u> 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. <u>Believe</u> 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, <u>invite</u> 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.

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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:

- What is a favourite tradition that you enjoyed growing up?
- How has gratitude and thanksgiving been evident in your life this season?
- Does thankfulness come naturally to you? If not, what are you doing to grow in this area?

Review the key points of the sermon.

1. Big picture: What did you like or appreciate about this message? What challenged you in this message?

Read the key passage of Scripture (Hebrews 1:2-3) from the sermon.

- 2. This passage tells us many things about Jesus and about God. What stands out to you and inspires awe of Him? What are you taking for granted? What do you want to learn more about?
  - Jesus came communicating. How is your connection with Him? Where have you seen evidence of God this week? How are you doing with keeping your eyes on Jesus?
  - b. Read Romans 8:17 and 1 Peter 1:4. Jesus has a lot to share with us. What are you most grateful for about the things you already have in Christ? What are you most excited about for eternity?
  - c. Jesus created, and sustains, our world. Creation testifies of His power to keep things well-ordered. To what extent is chaos or your pain clouding your view of Him, of His love or of His sovereignty? How can we as a small group encourage you?
  - d. Jesus created a way that we can connect with God. How has relying on the righteousness of Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit been evident in your life this season?
  - e. Read Hebrews 10:12 and Romans 8:34-35. Jesus is sitting at the right hand of God. What is encouraging to you in these verses?

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

- 3. What do you need to surrender to Jesus? How will you respond to what God is showing you?
- 4. 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 (that we would grow in our love for God and others, that we would be transformed by what God has revealed, that we would be alert and obedient to God, etc.).