

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS



Overview

Sermon: *Greater Word*. Bottom line: *Jesus is God's word for you.*

"Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him." – Hebrews 11:1,6

Why do people lose faith in God? It could be that their faith is in a savior that does not match the supremacy described in the book of Hebrews. Jesus says that your faith needs only to be the size of a mustard seed to be great. To have a greater faith you don't focus on describing your faith but in describing the object of your faith, Jesus. A greater faith is found in believing in the One who is greater.

Today, God has spoken by his Son. So today, when you hear his voice do not harden your hearts. Today, Jesus is God's word for you.

Discussion

1. Break up in pairs and take 2 minutes each describing Jesus to your partner. Come back together as a group and reflect. Share with the group how your partner described Jesus. What did you observe in this exercise?
2. Read Hebrews 1-2:4. The writer of Hebrews was writing to people who were in danger of walking away from their faith and returning to law keeping for justification of sin. How does the writer begin his letter? What do we learn about Jesus' supremacy? What is the writer trying to communicate to us that today? What does it mean that God speaks by his Son?
3. Read Hebrews 2:4-3:6. Angels serve an important role in the history of God's people. They delivered the law of God to the people Israel on Sinai (Acts 7:53 & Gal 3:19). How is Jesus described as both above and below them? How is Jesus described as being greater than Moses? Why was this controversial then? Why is this significant for people of faith now?
4. Read Hebrews 3:6-4:16. How can we encourage one another so that we resist an unbelieving heart? How is Jesus our word for today? How has Hebrews 4:12 operated in your life? How does Hebrews 4:15 allow us to hold firm to our faith and approach God with confidence? How is Jesus our rest for today and tomorrow?

Application

5. If you were to write a letter to modern day Christians who were in danger of walking away from their faith how would you present Jesus as supreme? Who or what would we need to hear that Jesus is greater than? Why?
6. How might you choose to describe Jesus now? What would you add?

Sermon Notes:

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