

From Shadow to Substance

An Introduction to Hebrews

Why Study Hebrews?

- It's a rich treasure, connecting the Old Testament to the New
- The challenges described and the solution prescribed apply to all believers

The Dangerous Temptation

- We can slip back instead of pressing forward
- We can retreat from the substance and return to the shadows

The Final Word and Final Way

- Jesus doesn't just tell us the message, He is the message
- Jesus is the only true and living way that leads to eternal life with the Father

The Compelling Call

- Strong and terrifying warnings
- Followed by a solid prescription:
- Gain a fresh understanding of the supremacy of Christ and the truth of the Gospel

For Life Group Discussion

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1. What was your reaction when you learned that we would be studying the Letter to the Hebrews? Excitement? Intimidation? Curiosity? How familiar are you with this letter?
2. At what point in your Christian life did your zeal burn the brightest? What has caused it to cool off since then? What would it take to re-kindle that fire?
3. How has your faith been impacted by hardship? What kind of questions do you ask during times of struggle? What has been most helpful, or most encouraging and life-giving?
4. Read Heb 1:1-3a and Col 1:15-17. How would you describe Jesus to someone using these verses as a reference?
5. Read Heb 10:19-21. How are these statements of fact related to the commands that follow in verses 22, 23, and 24-25? Do you understand the relationship indicative/exposition and imperative/encouragement? Can you find other examples?
5. Read all of Hebrews chapter 11. With that context, what is the impact of 12:1-3? What situation are you facing right now that calls for an exercise of bold faith?