



## Sermon Discussion Guide

### 3.3.24 | Tyler Myers | Hebrews 2:5-18

#### Key Scripture:

*"For it was not to angels that God subjected the world to come, of which we are speaking. It has been testified somewhere, 'What is man, that you are mindful of him, or the son of man, that you care for him? You made him for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned him with glory and honor, putting everything in subjection under his feet.' Now in putting everything in subjection to him, he left nothing outside his control. At present, we do not yet see everything in subjection to him. But we see him who for a little while was made lower than the angels, namely Jesus, crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone. For it was fitting that he, for whom and by whom all things exist, in bringing many sons to glory, should make the founder of their salvation perfect through suffering. For he who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one source. That is why he is not ashamed to call them brothers, saying, 'I will tell of your name to my brothers; in the midst of the congregation I will sing your praise.' And again, 'I will put my trust in him.' And again, 'Behold, I and the children God has given me.' Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery. For surely it is not angels that he helps, but he helps the offspring of Abraham. Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted."*

-Hebrews 2:5-18

#### Message Highlights:

- Jesus is worth it because he gets us and he's got us!
- Art has a way of transporting us back to some of our best and worst memories.
- We won't resolve most of your spiritual wrestlings until we resolve our pursuit of Jesus.
- Ball Cap → Crown of Thorns → The King's Crown

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#### CONVERSATION STARTER

- What is your favorite hat to wear, either physically or metaphorically?
- What kind of art speaks to you (painting, music, dance)?

#### DISCUSS THE MESSAGE

- How has the Spirit spoken to you through this section of God's Word?

### **THINK DEEPER** (Does your group understand the passage?)

- What is the central theme of Hebrews 2:5-18?
- What does it look like in your life for Jesus to be merciful and faithful?
- In what ways does Jesus' experience of suffering and temptation make him an effective high priest?
- Reflect on any fears or anxieties you have related to mortality. How can the truth in this passage bring comfort and freedom from those fears?
- How can the assurance of Jesus' victory over the power of death impact the way you approach life and its uncertainties?

### **THINK LIFE CHANGE** (Does your group recognize the personal implications for them as individuals?):

Tyler dove extensively into the difference between the "seen" and "unseen," illustrating both internal struggles and the perception of being observed or unnoticed by others. He further emphasized the profound impact of art on our lives.

- Ask the group to share one thing they've experienced or felt in life that made them feel unseen or overlooked. It could be a moment, a challenge or a personal journey.
- Ask the group to share a moment that meant a lot to them when they felt seen.
- How can Jesus fill the void of the "unseen?" What practical steps can you, as a group, take to actively involve Jesus in the common spaces of your lives?

### **THINK ENGAGE** (Does your group know how to apply the challenge?)

Reflect on Tyler's concluding message regarding the symbolism of the hats. He explains that we all wear a metaphorical "ball cap," representing the common spaces of our lives. Tyler suggests that Jesus desires to actively participate in these areas. Still, for us to recognize this significance and allow him in, we must also embrace the second hat—the crown of thorns (Matthew 16:24). This step allows us to fully embrace the "King's Crown," symbolizing the peace, hope and confidence supplied in every facet of life.

- What are some average, everyday areas of life that you might not have considered inviting Jesus to be a part of? Why or why not?
- Share an area of your life that you consider to be represented by the metaphorical "ball cap." How has Jesus been involved in that space?
- In your group, discuss what embracing the Crown of Thorns looks like. What does this mean to you? Are there some passages of scripture that you can apply to your reasoning?
- Reflect on when you've experienced the peace, hope and confidence represented by the "King's Crown" in your life. How did Jesus play a role in providing that assurance?

**THINK KINGDOM** (Does your group understand the overarching Kingdom, that the work we do is bigger than ourselves?)

- In a world saturated with anxiety and depression, many individuals are navigating a journey of self-discovery by seeking acknowledgment both internally and externally. As Christians, how can we purposefully and compassionately become influential sources of support in this hurting world?