



Sermon Discussion Guide

02.11.24 Message | Tyler Myers | Hebrews 1:1-3

Key Scripture:

"Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high."

- Hebrews 1:1-3

Message Highlights:

- Jesus is the pinnacle voice/word from God.
 - The central theme is Christology.
 - The main takeaway: Jesus is the ultimate revelation of God.
 - The book of Hebrews is written to a persecuted church; we write to a declining church but a spiritually curious world.
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CONVERSATION STARTER:

If given the opportunity, which of Jesus' miracles would you most desire to witness firsthand, and what draws you to that specific event? Options include but are not limited to turning water into wine, healing the paralyzed, raising Lazarus from the dead or feeding the 5000.

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?):

Discussion Questions from the scripture text:

- Re-read Hebrews 1:1 and consider 1 Peter 1:10-11. What does 1 Peter 1:10–11 tell us about what God revealed to the Old Testament prophets?
- Concerning Jesus, in verse two, we're told that God the Father appointed him "the heir of all things." What is an heir, and what does that mean for Jesus?
- In verse two, we're told that Jesus is the one through whom the world was created. Since Genesis 1:1 says that "God created the heavens and the earth," what does that tell you about Jesus? (See also John 1:3)
- Verse three makes four statements about Jesus. List them below:

- Read and compare Philippians 2:9–11 to what the author of Hebrews says in verse three. What is the consistent theme?

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

This message is about taking hold of the truth that Jesus is God's chosen representative, worthy of our allegiance.

- How does choosing Jesus over this world impact how you live?
- Is surrendering life daily difficult? What makes it difficult? What are ways the group can grow in trusting Jesus?
- How can the four statements about Jesus from verse three shape our trust in Jesus' ability to provide for us? Does this impact how you choose to live?

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

Tyler mentions in his message that we can see in each other's lives whether or not Jesus is worth it. He mentions that it is important to "own" that some of us:

- follow Jesus with deep ache, pain and longing.
- follow Jesus with significant sacrifice of time, energy and money.
- follow Jesus with more questions than answers.
- follow Jesus where it creates tensions rather than solves them
- Which one of the four categories do you most resonate with?

Tyler then asks, despite the possible truths, is it still worth it? Discuss this as a group. How does belonging to the community of Christ encourage you despite these challenges?

THINK EXPAND (Does your group recognize the missional implications for those we want to reach for Christ?):

With the questions asked from “THINK ENGAGE”:

- Share personal stories of following Jesus amidst deep ache, sacrifice, uncertainty or tension. How have these experiences shaped your faith journey, and what have you learned along the way?
- Discuss how belonging to a group provides encouragement and support through life's challenges. How has community positively impacted your faith journey?

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

- Reflect on how group, community and growth in Christ impacts the broader community.
- Discuss opportunities for individuals to contribute positively to the Kingdom of God, in community, beyond their immediate circle as we reflect on today's discussion.