



Week 1 - Overview - Hebrews 1 -4 Jesus Simply the Best

Youth Study

Overview

The first four chapters of Hebrews introduce us to Jesus who is seen to be SIMPLY THE BEST. He is better than the prophets, better than the angels, better than Moses and better than the Old Testament temple rituals. Because Jesus is simply the best he is the way in which we can be in relationship with God.

Opener

In your groups fill out the following questionnaire:

1. Who is the best in the group at cartwheels?
2. Who has the longest hair in the group?
3. Who has the coolest shoes on today?
4. Who had the best holiday?
5. Who can tell the best joke?
6. Who can say the alphabet backwards?
7. Who has the best looking scar in your group?
8. Who can do the best party trick in your group?

Read Hebrews 1-4 - Overview

While reading as a group stop every couple of paragraphs and ask the following questions:

- O. What are some of the themes in the passages?
- O. What are some of the tough things outlined in the passages?
- O. What are some of the wow moments in the passages.

Prayer and Thanksgiving

- Thank God for everyone in the group having returned safely from holidays;
- Thank God that we could be together having fun and enjoying each others company;
- Thank God for what we could read in the bible this morning about Jesus being simply the best.
- Ask God to help us this term as we learn more about Jesus from the book of Hebrews.



[trek] introduction

[trek] is a daily tour guide to help you journey into the bible. It's aims are to:

t - train you to live God's way

r - remind you God is the one who saved you, through Jesus

e - encourage you to tell others about Jesus

k - know the truth so you can't be tricked by lies

[trek] is all about journeying into the bible because it is only in the bible that God speaks to us clearly and completely. When we read the bible, we are hearing what God has to say to us today. That is a seriously special thing! So get into it.

Reflections or questions I have...

[trek] instructions

To get the most out of [trek], work out a time each day when you can read the bible using [trek] for 5-10 minutes (by all means read for longer). There are 5 readings. Here's how we suggest you use [trek] each day:

- 1) Ask God to help you understand this part of the bible.
- 2) Read the part of the bible for that day.
- 3) As you think about the passage, answer the questions. (Writing may help)
- 4) Thank God & ask him to help you obey what this passage says.
- 5) Put what you've learnt into practice in your life.

NOTE: Much more can be said about each passage... you may use the "reflections or questions I have..." box for further thought.

Hebrews Chapter 1:1-4 - Jesus Greater than the Prophets

This term is going to be a real treat as we get to know Jesus better through Hebrews Chapters 1-4. One of the things that you see in Hebrews is how good Jesus is. If you think Moses is good... check out Jesus... if you think Angels are pretty cool... check out Jesus... he's the best!!

[trek day 1] How God has spoken in the past [Heb 1:1-4]

The way we get to know someone is by talking with them in order to find out about them. **GOD** has actually spoken to us so that we can **KNOW** him.

Read Hebrews 1:1

>How has God spoken to people in the past?

>List Old Testament Bible stories you know of where God spoke to people...

Thank God for revealing himself in many and varied ways so we might know him.

[trek day 2] How God speaks today [Heb 1:1-4]

While God has revealed himself to many people in many and various ways through time, He intends us to have a complete understanding of who he is through his Son Jesus.

Read Hebrews 1:2

>What is the way that God speaks to people today?

>How can we hear Jesus speak?

Thank God for the Bible through which we hear him speak.

[trek day 3] What Jesus is like [Heb 1:1-4]

Read Hebrews 1:2b-3a

>What 5 things do we learn about God's Son?

- 1>
- 2>
- 3>
- 4>
- 5>

>What do these things show us about Jesus and who he is?

[trek day 4] What Jesus does [Heb 1:1-4]

Read Hebrews 1:3a

>What does Jesus do for people? [see 2 Corinthians 5:21]

>Have you accepted Jesus' offer of salvation?

[trek day 5] Jesus' rightful place [Heb 1:1-4]

Read Hebrews 1:3b-4

>After purifying us of sin where does Jesus sit down?

>What do you think this shows us about him?

Thank God for the death and resurrection of Jesus so that we can be purified of our sins. Ask him that he would help you to be an encouragement to others in your Bible study group this week.