



## Sermon Discussion Questions

**March 9, 2020**

**Series: Jesus is Better**

**Sermon: Part 6**

**Focus Text: Hebrews 5:11-6:1**

This passage warns us to not be “dull of hearing” and to not “live on milk alone”, which means being spiritually lazy and apathetic. **What does it look like in your life to be spiritually lazy? What were the consequences of that season or time of being spiritually lazy? What does it mean for your faith to be dull?**

Instead, we are called to grow up in our faith and eat solid food, which means pursuing intimacy with the Father and seeking His face. For our utmost desire to be in His presence. Maturity in Christ is marked by constantly seeking God and learning how to feed yourself with the truth of His Word. **Where have you substituted intimacy with God and relied on other people to handle God’s Word for you? Do you desire to be able to handle the Word of God well? If yes, what are some practical steps you can take to handle God’s Word and not be dull of hearing?**

### **Family Time**

**As a family read Hebrews 5:11-14**

In this text it talks about how the Hebrews were not growing and were becoming “dull of hearing”.

For parents: Help your kid’s process not growing in an area of their life.

Think about how we measure the physical and educational growth of our kids. Examples, measuring height on a doorway or wall or our child completing a grade in school. Imagine how concerned and worried you would feel if your child did not grow in those areas. **Applying this to our kid’s spiritual growth, what are some practical steps you can do to help them grow and learn in their faith? What are things you can do together as a family to strengthen and support spiritual growth for your kids?**



## **Sermon Discussion Questions**

**March 2, 2020**

**Series: Jesus is Better**

**Sermon: Part 5**

**Focus Text: Hebrews 4:12-5:10**

In this section of Hebrews, the author makes a clear distinction between the traditional high priest and the High Priest we now have in Jesus. The traditional human high priest is called by God, but is limited in his role as a mediator due to his own sin. However, Jesus was sinless, fully human and fully God, and His sacrifice and atonement for our sins is perfectly complete. Why does our sin require a sacrifice?

Though we are sinners, with Jesus as our Mediator, we can now approach God with confidence and boldness. As we approach God, we are met with grace and mercy. How does that truth impact you? Do you pray with boldness and confidence? Do you struggle accepting God's grace for your life?

Our sin has created a chasm between us and God our Creator, and Jesus is the bridge between us and God. Jesus being fully God and fully human means that both sides of the bridge are firmly anchored in the person of Jesus. What does it mean to you that Jesus is your advocate and mediator? How does that truth shape your life? Your prayer life?

### **Family Time**

**As a family read Hebrews 4:15-16**

We see that Jesus is our helper and can understand us when we struggle or make mistakes. We all sin and need forgiveness. What are some areas that you can ask Jesus to forgive you and help you with? (parents, help your child with some examples if needed)



## **Sermon Discussion Questions**

**February 24, 2020**

**Series: Jesus is Better**

**Sermon: Part 4**

**Focus Text: Hebrews 3:1-19**

We see in Hebrews 3:1 that Jesus is our way to hear from God (apostle) and our way to God (high priest). Jesus is the author of our salvation and our hope. We are called to place our hope and confidence solely in Jesus.

Here were some questions Adam posed in this sermon for us to consider:

Where does your confidence and hope rest? Is your confidence and hope ever misplaced or based on something other than Jesus?

Are you certain of your salvation? Are you a partaker of Christ and find your assurance solely in Christ? Having heard an explanation of this passage, do you have a better understanding that the assurance of your salvation rests solely in the work of Christ? What's your understanding of what it means to share in Christ or be a partaker of Christ?

If you want more clarity regarding this passage and the assurance of salvation, and do not have a community to discuss it with, please reach out to a pastor at GracePoint to discuss further.

Adam made the statement that sin is deceitful and faithfulness to Jesus is a community project. Are you trying to live out your faith alone? Are you engaged in biblical community? Are you in a relationship where you are consistently encouraging someone and they are encouraging you?

### **Family Time**

**As a family read Hebrews 3:1-6**

Moses was a good servant and important to the Hebrews, but Jesus is greater. The writer uses the illustration that the builder is greater than the house itself. Talk to your kids about what are things that are great and good in their life. We see that Jesus is greater and better than all these things. As a parent, help your child see how Jesus is better in your life compared to the things of this world.



## Sermon Discussion Questions

**February 17, 2020**

**Series: Jesus is Better**

**Sermon: Part 3**

**Focus Text: Hebrews 2:1-18**

During the sermon, two questions were posed that are essential for everyone to not just answer, but to truly know.

Take some time and reflect/discuss the following questions:

**Who is Jesus?**

**What does it mean to be human?**

You heard in the sermon, that Jesus is the Hero Who rather than annihilate His enemies, He laid down His life for His enemies. How do you handle this truth? Do you think that the world understands or accepts this narrative? Why does our world celebrate an opposite narrative of what a hero truly is? (we see in our culture through movies, books, and stories that support this opposite narrative)

As believers that are a part of this new humanity (2 Corinthians 5:17) that Jesus has ushered us into, what does it mean to be a part of this new humanity? How can we accept Jesus as the Hero for our own life? How can we live out what was modeled to us by Jesus?

### **Family Time**

**As a family read Hebrews 2:10**

Name one of your favorite heroes from a movie, book or story. What makes the hero stand out to you? Why do you like them?

If Jesus is our **true** Hero, we see that He is different than the heroes we see in movies. Jesus did not just die for His friends, but died for everyone. (Parents, talk about how Jesus dying on the cross was a true heroic sacrifice)



## **Sermon Discussion Questions**

**February 10, 2020**

**Series: Jesus is Better**

**Sermon: Part 2**

**Focus Text: Hebrews 1:1-14**

The book of Hebrews begins with God spoke...God desires to communicate with us and for us to know Him. God used different ways to speak and be known before Jesus, but in Jesus, God spoke directly to us. Jesus was the Word made flesh, and the new covenant spoken and accomplished through Jesus is the only way for us to know God and be seen as righteous in His sight.

It is important for us to think rightly about Jesus. Take some time to reflect on the following questions:

How small is your view of Jesus?

Do you see Him as “just a man” or do you believe in Him as the radiance of the glory of God?

How does this understanding and belief in Jesus inform your worship of Him?

Are you trusting Jesus for the purification of your sins?

Are you trying to carry the burden of your own righteousness?

Do you see Jesus as better and worthy of your worship? Your life? Your devotion?

### **Family Time**

**As a family read Hebrew 1:1-3**

In this passage, we learn to 2 things about Jesus. 1) Jesus is God 2) He created us and that He holds all things together. What do you think it means that Jesus holds all things together? How do you think He does that?

(Parents, this passage also tells us that Jesus is currently at the right hand of the Father in heaven. It may be a good reminder that Jesus is eternal)



## Sermon Discussion Questions

**February 3, 2020**

**Series: Jesus is Better**

**Sermon: Part 1**

**Focus Text: Hebrews 1:1-3**

Today's sermon gave us a lot of content in the form of a summary. As you process what was said, what's one thing that challenged you, encouraged you and convicted you? Was there any new information you learned today that encourages you to dig deeper into the themes of Hebrews.

Hebrews serves as a bridge that links the Old Testament to the New Testament. Bill outlined Hebrews into 3 sections, **Jesus is better, the new covenant is better and what should we do as followers of Christ.**

Hebrews clearly tells us that Jesus is better than angels, priests and prophets from the old covenant. Throughout this book, we are going to see that Jesus is the completion and fulfillment of all of God's promises. Why is it important to see Jesus as better?

Bill pointed out that chapters 10-13 reminds us as followers of Christ of what we should do. Bill's three points of summary were: 1) Draw near to God 2) Run the race of faith 3) Live in fellowship and love.

Take a moment and consider each of these for your life. Which area are you personally challenged by? Which area do you desire to grow in? What are some tangible steps you can take to grow in that area?

### **Family Time**

**As a family read Hebrew 1:1-3**

As a family, list all the names and descriptions of Jesus that you read in this passage. Who is Jesus and what has He done? Tell everything you can find about Him in these verses.