

Discussion Questions

Hebrews 1:1-5; 2:5-11 - You Believe Jesus is God

Sunday, May 15, 2022

Ice Breaker (Optional. Take just a few minutes on this):

1. Growing up as a child, what was something you enjoyed about having siblings? If you were an only child, what was something you enjoyed about that?

Reflecting on the Passage

1. Read Hebrews 1:1-5; 2:5-11 aloud. What words, phrases or ideas stand out to you?
2. Why are angels mentioned so often in these first two chapters?
3. What unique honors or activities did God the Father delegate to Jesus the Son? (1:2)
4. What does Jesus show us about the nature of God? (1:3)
5. Why is it significant that the Son is "begotten"? (1:5)
6. What is our God-given place on earth? (2:6-8)
7. What is the relationship between Jesus and the rest of the universe? (2:8)
8. What was unique about the death that Christ suffered? (2: 9)
9. What is God's ultimate goal for us? (2:10)
10. What is the relationship between Jesus and those who experience the salvation He gives? (2:11-12)

Reflecting on your Life

11. What from this passage can you use to 1) encourage a believer or, 2) share the gospel with an unbeliever?
12. When you consider that Jesus is "fully God" and "fully human," which of these two aspects of his nature do you most struggle to embrace?
13. In the sermon, regarding Hebrews 2:6-8, Pastor Paul said this *"speaks to the inherent destiny of all humanity. All of us, in our humanity, as ones made in the image of God, have been granted incredible dignity and honor and glory. Sin has marred the image, but the image is still there."*
 - a. How might this be an encouragement to someone struggling with a sense of purpose and value?
14. One way to understand the difference between guilt and shame is that Guilt says, "I did something bad," and Shame says, "I am someone bad." Guilt speaks to our actions. Shame speaks to our identity.
 - a. When you feel shame, what are some negative things you say to/about yourself?
 - b. In the sermon, Pastor Paul said, *"Only if you get love & approval & esteem from someone you esteem will you ever have self-esteem."* How does the fact that Jesus is not ashamed to call you His brother/sister grant you self-esteem?
 - c. How might Hebrews 2:11 be an encouragement to someone seeking acceptance?

Deeper into Scripture

15. How does Philippians 2:5-11 offer another perspective on the deity and humanity of Jesus? How does this passage offer similar and different emphases than Hebrews 1 and 2?
16. How does Colossians 1:15-23 offer another perspective on the deity and humanity of Jesus? How does this passage offer similar and different emphases than Hebrews 1 and 2?

From the bulletin.... ***Kingdom Implications for Your Life:***

17. *What does it mean for you that Jesus is not ashamed to call you His brother or sister? How might you grow in the assurance of His acceptance?*