

Dig Deeper @Home – "Jesus is ..." Complement to sermon on January 1, 2017 – "Greater"

MEMORIZE – Hebrews 7:24-25

But Jesus holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. Consequently, he is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them

READ Hebrews this week (the whole book, in one sitting if you can)

Questions to ponder/discuss:

- 1. What does Hebrews reveal about God?
- 2. What does Hebrews reveal about humans?
- 3. If the above is true, what needs to change in your life? What will that look like?
- 4. What part of Hebrews struck you the most?
- 5. Did anything surprise you? If so, what and why?

Summarize the book of Hebrews in 3 sentences or less

Experiential

Sometimes activities help us to understand and process biblical truths. The one below is a suggestion for how to experience the truths of the book of Hebrews. Feel free to use one of these or any you might come up with.

Jesus is greater

The book of Hebrews demonstrates why Jesus is supreme and shows why he is greater than anything else in all creation, for all history: past, present and future. But we don't always get this. Sometimes things we face seem too big. Below is a math equation. Fill in the blanks with the big things you are facing in your life and then read the sentence that it makes (forwards and backwards). For example, let's say your wrote that you lost your job in the blank. You would then read it, "losing my job is less than Jesus and Jesus is greater than me losing my job.

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SING (a suggested song to sing. Use this or any song you might want to sing)

Jesus - <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cEbQswNB6Wc</u> A great song declaring the supremacy of Christ

Hymn - Another Year is Dawning - #510 in Mennonite Hymnal

A great song to begin the new year knowing that Christ is supreme

PRAY

This is a time to gather around for prayer requests and to share how you have seen God at work. A time to hear where God is showing up in our lives and where we need Him to help us in our lives.

Sending prayer based on the lesson: Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen