

Pause Group – Hebrews Chapter 2

Take time for introductions if new members have joined the group. Provide time for each person to share highs, and lows. Get to know each other.

Hebrews study questions:

As you go through the study questions this week, there is one thing worth mentioning. The phrase “son of man,” which to a Jewish reader could simply mean “a typical human being,” could also, to someone familiar with the book of Daniel (7:13;8:17) or the teaching of Jesus, mean “the Messiah” - highlighting the fact that the Messiah is now to be seen as the true typical authentic and representative human being. This is what Hebrews has in mind, as we can see from the last quotation about God placing everything under his feet.

I realize that you will not get through all the questions, so pick and choose what is more important to your group. Enjoy the second chapter of Hebrews.

1. What evidence is there in your own life , and in our church, that the gospel message of Jesus is true and powerful?
2. In what ways does the writer speak about both the *future* role of Jesus in God’s new creation and his *present* position in verses 5-9?
3. What does it mean to you on a daily basis that Jesus Christ has already dealt with death on our behalf and is already ruling the world as it’s rightful Lord?
4. What different family images do you find in chapter 2:10-18
5. In parliamentary democracy, voters in each area elect someone to represent them in the government. That representative is there on the people’s behalf, they are the substitute doing for the people what the people can’t do for themselves. How is Jesus being portrayed as the representative in verses 5-9.
6. What family images do you find in verses 10-18?
7. This passage of Hebrews depicts Jesus as the kind of older brother who comes to find us where we are, out of sheer love and goodness of heart and to help us out of the

mess. How does the writer of Hebrews say in verses 10-18 that Jesus rescues humanity?

8. A major theme from the entire letter of Hebrews is introduced in verses 17-18 - Jesus as the high priest, a theme we'll see more of in the letter. In what ways does Jesus fulfill the role of high priest?

9. Looking at 2:10-18, in what ways is Jesus like a pioneer?

10. Which image from chapter 2 (such as representative, older brother, high priest, pioneer) connects with you the most and why?

Closing Prayer: Take some time to sit in silence and meditate on the image of Jesus in the passage that resonates with you. What does Jesus seem to be saying to you through this image? After a few minutes of silence to meditate, the leader can close with a prayer or the group can say the Lord's prayer together.