

Emmanuel

GOD WITH US

DISCUSSION GUIDE

DISCUSSION GOAL



Discuss what it means that Jesus is God's ultimate word. Discuss how Jesus creates, reveals, and saves. Help your group members see Jesus as God incarnate and all the work that Jesus has done to reconcile us with God.

ICE BREAKER



Tell of an exhilarating experience you have had in nature that helped you experience the presence of God or helped you celebrate one of his attributes.

TEXT



Have a member of your group read the passage aloud.

Hebrews 1:1-4 ESV

¹ Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets,² but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. ³ He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, ⁴ having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

MESSAGE OUTLINE



This is what our pastoral team observed about the passage.

Big Idea: Hear God's ultimate word.

Key Question: How is Jesus God's ultimate word?

1. Jesus is God's creating word. (v. 1 – 2)
2. Jesus is God's revealing word. (v. 3a)
3. Jesus is God's saving word. (v. 3b – 4)

DISCUSSION



1. God began revealing himself in the Old Testament (Hebrews 1:1). What is a passage from the Old Testament that has given you a helpful understanding of who God is? Is it able to give you a complete understanding of who God is?
2. Hebrews 1:2 states, “his son [Jesus]... through whom also he created the world”? Do you often think of Jesus as the Creator? How does considering Jesus as the one through whom all things were made change our perspective on him?
3. What has shaped your understanding of God? Hebrews 1:3 says that Jesus is the “exact imprint” of God’s nature. How does Jesus reveal God to us and how can looking to Jesus better shape our understanding of God?
4. Discuss what it means that Jesus made “purification for our sins,” (Hebrews 1:3b). What would be our predicament if Jesus had not died for our sins? Is there anything/anyone else who would be able to purify us?
5. Do you regularly remind yourself of the fullness of the character/person of Jesus? Not only the one who saves us, but also as creator, sustainer, revealer, etc. Which aspect of Jesus do you want to learn more about or spend time considering?

LIFE APPLICATION



Jesus is the Son of God, through whom God revealed himself, created the world, and saves us. As a group, discuss how this should motivate us to live. How are you reflecting the character of Jesus to the world? What is a practical response to learning about these different aspects of Jesus that you can do this week?

Jot your ideas below and send a picture to your group to remind everyone of your action steps this week.

PRAYER REQUESTS


