

Discussion Guide

Use this guide by yourself, with a friend, or in a group to help you pursue a deeper relationship with Jesus this week!

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Pastor Don continues our sermon series in the book of Colossians this week by teaching us from chapter one, and in this chapter Paul goes to great lengths to help the believers in Colossae (and us!) understand why Jesus is far superior to anyone or anything else in the universe. At the time Paul was writing this letter (similar to our culture today), there were a number of different belief systems that people could choose from - but as Paul points out, none of those alternatives can compare to the power, supremacy, or sufficiency of Jesus and His sacrifice for us. To get conversations started in your group today, tell who comes to your mind when you think of greatness and why...

BIG THOUGHT

Because Jesus is all the fullness of God Himself, He is more powerful than anything else in the universe and by His sacrifice is able to completely reconcile us into a right relationship with God.

1. In Hebrews 1, the author is challenging believers who somehow thought that maybe *angels* should be worshipped more than Jesus - and in the process helps us understand why Jesus is supreme above anything else. Read v. 2-3. What unique honors and powers does Jesus have according to these verses? Which one of them stands out to you the most? Why?
2. Now read v. 4. What does the author of Hebrews give as evidence for Jesus' superiority to angels (see the end of v. 3)? What does a position at the right hand of the King imply (see Matthew 20:20-21)?

3. Read v. 5. What relationship only exists between God and Jesus? Why is that important? In v. 6, what are the angels required to do? What does this show us about Jesus' status even in the spiritual world?
4. Now read v. 7-13. What job are the angels created to do (v. 7)? How does that compare to the specific responsibility that Jesus has in v. 8-9? What do v. 10-12 teach us about Jesus? And finally, what does the author of Hebrews reiterate about Jesus in v. 13-14? What would you say to someone who believes that Jesus is no different than any other supernatural force or being?
5. Read Colossians 2:8-10. What makes Jesus different (see v. 9)? Why is it important for us to understand why Jesus is unique? Have you ever known anyone who ended up being led away from Christ by "empty philosophies"? Share what happened...

Take it Further

Spend time talking with God, and thank Him that we can trust in the work of Jesus to make us completely right with Him. Then pray for the people you know who still need to recognize Jesus' supremacy and sufficiency that they will be able to see the truth.

Daily Verse Readings

Day 1: 2 Corinthians 5:18

Day 4: Ephesians 1:4

Day 2: John 3:16

Day 5: 2 Corinthians 5:21

Day 3: Hebrews 12:2

Day 6: John 14:6

Memory Verses: Colossians 1:19-20



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