

# Better (Hebrews)

Sermon Questions | 11.16.14

## Opener

It's great to have heroes in our lives. In fact, God often uses people in our lives to shape who we are. For Pete, his hero was his dad. Pete honored his dad recently on his birthday by sharing this statement, "I see things in him I long for in me. He is my hero! I was fortunate to not have to look outside my own family for a hero".

Did you have a childhood hero? If so, take a moment to share who it was and why they were your hero.

## Read

Hebrews 3:1-6

Ephesians 2:19-22

Zechariah 6:12-13

## Engaging with God in a Group

Read Hebrews 3:1-6 together as you prepare to consider Christ and his work in and through you. Pray for your time together.

We are often told to imitate our heroes. In fact, the Jews were tempted to imitate Moses. What are some of the positives of having a hero in your life? What are some of the drawbacks that we may face by trying to imitate someone else?

We have been reminded in Hebrews Chapter 1 & 2 that Jesus is better ... better than the law ... better than the angels. Hebrews 3:1 tells us that we are set apart and partakers (translated as "partners") of a heavenly calling. We are called to stop amassing heroes and "consider Jesus". What does it look like for you to consider Jesus? How could considering Jesus regularly transform your daily life and routine?

This text compares Jesus to Moses. While both Jesus and Moses were described as faithful, Hebrews 3:3-6 describes Jesus as being counted as “worthy of more glory than Moses”. Why is Jesus greater than Moses?

According to Hebrews 3:6, Christ was faithful as a Son over His house. What or who is this house referring to? Read Ephesians 2:19-22. What does this mean for you and me?

Pete challenged us to dwell on the indwelling Christ. How will you do that this week? Pete mentioned that focusing on heroes and buildings can sometimes serve as distractions from considering Jesus. Is there anything distracting you right now that is keeping you from dwelling on the indwelling Christ?

## **Engaging with God Alone**

Start by focusing on Christ, paying attention to him, studying and experiencing him. Throw yourself into learning about Jesus and who he is.

Read Zechariah 6:12-13. Moses was a servant in the house, but Jesus was the Son or heir over the house. An heir in the ancient world had been granted the estate and had responsibility over everything. Jesus is greater than Moses because God is the builder of everything!

## **Closing thoughts and prayer**

Lord, wipe out any distractions and hero accumulations that keep us from dwelling on the indwelling Christ. You build everything and are greater than any earthly hero.