

Better (Hebrews)

Sermon Questions | 02.15.15

Opener

“Warning: real and present danger”

Praise God for coming down to this earth as God Incarnate, Jesus, through a miraculous birth. Praise Jesus for his prayerfulness, his miracles, his teachings, and his obedience to death on the cross, for his amazing sacrifice for us. As we have trusted Jesus as our Savior, praise him for forgiving us for all of our sins, past, present, and future. As believers in Jesus, praise him for indwelling us with his Holy Spirit and changing our hearts so we can be who he wants us to be and do what he wants us to do, by his power.

Praise Jesus for being our great high priest who is able to sympathize with our weaknesses so that we can approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

Share about your first “high dive” experience. Were you an “edge-stander” who didn’t jump or did you jump?

Read

Hebrews 6:4-12

Engaging with God in a Group

Were you ever an “edge-stander” on your spiritual journey? Did you jump and trust Jesus as your Savior? If so, how did the Holy Spirit work to draw you to Jesus and lead you to trust him? Was it through time alone with him in his Word or a friend at camp or some other way?

If you are still an “edge-stander”, what is keeping you from “jumping in”?

Do you know any “edge-standers”? What role does God want you to play in coming alongside them? (Reference 1 Thessalonians 2 and Gary Poole’s “3 D” approach to evangelism “Develop the relationship, Discover their story, and Discern the Holy Spirit’s role for you”)

Why is this “real and present danger warning” in Hebrews 6 so important for an “edge-stander”?

Discuss the “better things” that accompany salvation (Hebrews 6:9)

How do you know that you can never lose your salvation? (John 10:28)

Engaging with God Alone

Prayerfully keep your thoughts this week on the better things that accompany salvation and on jumping in rather than standing on the edge.

Closing thoughts and prayer

Pray for your “one” lost soul, that Jesus will draw him to himself and open his heart to his love and grace.