

# **Better (Hebrews)**

## Sermon Questions | 03.29.15

#### Opener

Praise God for revealing his truth to us through his Word and for opening our hearts to his love and grace. 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 coming to save the lost, not to condemn the lost but to save us. (John 3:17). Praise him for forgiving us for all of our sins, past, present, and future and for "cleansing our consciences from acts that lead to death, so that we may serve the living God! (Hebrews 9:14b). 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 making it possible to have wonderful intimacy with our Father!

#### Read

Hebrews 9:1-14 John 3:17

#### Engaging with God in a Group

Share with each other about whether it has been hard for you to experience intimacy with the Lord because of a sin or sins that you committed.

Share how God has blessed you with intimacy because he has cleansed your conscience and freed you from guilt and shame.

To learn how to better listen to God, take time during your meeting to read a few clauses in Psalm 23 and ask the Lord what he wants to say to you and share with each other what he reveals to you

#### Engaging with God Alone

Prayerfully think about times in your life when you have walked through the darkest valley as referenced in Psalm 23 and how it was possible to fear no danger because you knew the Lord was with you.

### Closing thoughts and prayer

Lord, take us to lush pastures and lead us to refreshing water. Your son Jesus is the Water of Life and we know your goodness and faithfulness will pursue us all of our days. May we live in your house for the rest of our lives. Amen.