

# Better (Hebrews)

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## Opener

Describe a time when you gave up something you already had in order to receive something that was better. What made the other thing you received better?

The author of Hebrews writes the book in order to convince the readers that what they have in Christ is infinitely better than what they have given up.

## Read

Hebrews 1:1-4

Hebrews 12:2-3

## Engaging with God in a Group

1. Read Hebrews 1:1-4. How is Jesus presented as better in these verses?
2. God speaks to us in a better way through Jesus than through the prophets of old. What aspects of having Jesus speak to you directly are better than the old way through the prophets?
3. How does having direct access to Jesus' voice impact your intimacy with God?
4. Jesus is described in verse 2 as "through whom he made the universe" and in verse 3 as "sustaining all things by his powerful word." How does Jesus' creativity of making and sustaining the universe impact you if you need to find a creative solution to a problem you are facing?

## Engaging with God Alone

1. Is there an aspect of the Christian life that you are struggling with (i.e. weariness, boredom, persecution, etc.)?
2. Read Hebrews 12:2-3. These verses implore us to consider Christ, and in doing this we realize that Jesus is better than whatever we have given up. How would focusing on Jesus impact your present situations/struggles?

3. What are the ways in which you can best fix your eyes on Jesus? How does this practically look for you?

## **Closing thoughts and prayer**

Lord, help us to focus on Jesus and realize in each situation or struggle that he is better than whatever we have given up.