

Key Scriptures:

Heb 1:1-3

Col 1:15-23

Jn 1:1-5

Warning Passages:

Heb 2:1-4

3:12-4:13

5:11-6:8

10:26-31

12:25-29

Consult the Sermon handout for further discussion (page 2)

TALK IT OVER

Start talking: Pick a conversation starter for your group.

- Do you read each book of the Bible in one sitting?
- If not, why not? If yes, how does that benefit one in learning?

Steps of Knowing Christ:

- What is the source of truth for knowing Christ? And what is our attitude towards this source?

Reflect, Think, & Share: Read through the key scriptures and share any observations or questions with the group.

- **Person of Christ:**

- Can you describe (using Scripture as your aid) who Jesus is?
- Reflect and share on the aspects of his deity...
- Reflect and share the aspects of his humanity
- Explain some of the wrong ways the secular world defines who Jesus is

- **Work of Christ:**

- What is the work of Christ, what did Jesus do?
- Can you expand on the various aspects of what Jesus has done?
- What is the benefit of what Christ has accomplished for us?

- **Appropriate Response: Positive**

- What does an appropriate response to Jesus look like?
- How should we treat him?
- How does that show in our daily life?
- What hope does that give you for the world to come?

- **Inappropriate Response: Negative**

- What does an inappropriate response to Jesus look like?
- What according to the Scriptures are the consequences of falling away from Christ?

Start doing: Read through the entire book of Hebrews and learn about the wonder of Christ, his supremacy, and his all-sufficient work on our behalf. Pay attention to how the author of Hebrews “warns” his readers to not fall away from Christ. The author also shows the hope of those who continue to hold onto Christ, they will inherit a heavenly city.

Key Point: What do you think was the key point of the sermon?

Considering these Realities - Heaven & Hell, How Should We Then Live?

Don't Fall Away from Christ!

Heb 1:1-3, Col 1:15-23, Jn 1:1-5

(warning passages: Heb 2:1-4; 3:12-4:13; 5:11-6:8; 10:26-31; 12:25-29)

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Introduction – what seems to be the issue or danger?

- Christian Deconstructionism – turning away from faith
- Not processing doubt, suffering, and failure sufficiently &....
- Misunderstanding the main point of Scripture: The person and work of Christ!

Why is Knowing Jesus Christ so Important? (Heb 1:1-3)

- And how do we know Christ? Scripture is the answer
 - A living **God speaks** (Heb 1: 1)
 - Scripture: It is recorded as a reliable text...revealing Christ...vs 2
 - Stages of revelation: stage 1 (former days) & stage 2 (last days)
 - ✘ There is no 3rd stage or phase, it is full and final in Christ
- ✓ **Christ is the Heir** of all things vs 2
- ✓ **Christ is the Creator** of all things vs 2 (through him everything was created)
- ✓ **Christ is of the same essence as God** vs 3 (also, Jn1:1-5, Col 1:15-16)
 - ✘ “There once was when the Son was not” – Arianism (heresy)
 - ✘ He was a man adopted & appointed – Adoptionism (heresy)
 - ✘ The Son is subordinate to the Father – Subordinationism (heresy)
- ✓ **Christ is the Sustainer** of the whole universe vs 3
- ✓ **Christ is the true Savior** of humankind vs 3
 - The divine Son became flesh (Jn 1, I Jn 1)
 - One person, two natures (fully divine & fully human)
 - Our perfect sacrifice (a substitute for us), a better covenant
 - A better prophet, priest & king (read all of Hebrews)
- ✓ **Christ is the true reigning sovereign King** vs 3

So, What's the Implication then?

-“Don't fall away from Christ” (Heb3:12, 2:1, 6:6), No Apostasy!

Scripture Warnings! Heb 2:1-4; 3:12-4:13; 5:11-6:8; 10:26-31; 12:25-29

To fall away from Christ fully & finally is to embrace Hell (Heb 10:27)

But “as long as it is called *today*”, we must repent, because...(Heb 3:13-19)

Because we have the hope to enter that everlasting city, Heaven Heb 11:16