

MAIN POINT

As God's Son, Jesus revealed God finally and without equal.

INTRODUCTION

What technological change or advancement in your lifetime most amazes you?

How long did that change or advancement remain relevant before it was updated or replaced? Does that frustrate you—that no matter what piece of technology or equipment you have, it will eventually be replaced? Why or why not?

No matter how impressive the product, a “new, improved” version is just around the corner. Though most everything in the world has a shelf life, Jesus Christ will never become outdated or replaced. He is superior—to the prophets, angels, and everything that came before Him. As God's Son, Jesus revealed God finally and without equal. He is the full revelation of God to humanity. The Book of Hebrews challenges us to recognize and share this truth with others.

DISCUSSION

> READ HEBREWS 1:1-4 AND 2:1-3, 9-18.

Why is it important to know that our God is a God who speaks? What would be some of the implications for our lives if God was silent?

How and when, according to Hebrews 1, does God speak? How does His past communication compare with the present (“last days”) communication?

Why is it important for us to recognize that Jesus is the final Word of God to us? If that is true, what does it mean about the way we hear the voice of God today?

What are some of the ways people might show they don't believe that Jesus is the complete and final Word of God to us?

What phrases in Hebrews 1:2b-4 describe how God is revealed in Jesus Christ? How would you explain these verses to an unbeliever or a new Christian?

What happens when believers fail to pay attention? How does this passage apply to Christians today?

Christ has freed you from death so that you will live for Him. What does this look like on a day-to-day basis?

The unfortunate reality is that for all of those people who do not have a personal relationship with Jesus, death is still something to be feared. How would you put the truth of Hebrews 2:14-15 into your own words in order to share Christ with someone else?

Jesus did not stop helping us when He accomplished His work on the cross or when He ascended to heaven (vv. 16-18). How has Jesus helped you recently?

APPLICATION

What are one or two ways that you have been living as one who is still a slave to death, rather than as someone who has life and freedom in Christ? How can you submit to Christ in these areas?