

Series: Fulfilled – a study of Hebrews

Series Overview: This series walks through key themes in the book of Hebrews, revealing how Jesus is the fulfillment of God’s plan for salvation. Each week focuses on a different aspect of Christ and his superiority – from his divine nature, role as High Priest, sinlessness, and ultimate sacrifice. Students should be challenged to see Jesus as greater than anything else in their lives, and should be encouraged to trust Him completely.

Series Graphics: [to be provided by Benj – link to graphics will be included here]

Memory Verse: Hebrews 12:2

Week 1: The Book of Better Things

Message Overview: This week establishes **who Jesus is**. Hebrews 1 emphasizes that Jesus is **superior to everything**—angels, prophets, and all worldly distractions. He is the **fullest and clearest revelation of God**. Students will be challenged to examine what they value most and recognize that **Jesus is greater than anything else in their lives**.

Key Scripture: Hebrews 1:1-14

Key points:

- Introduction
 - Illus: ask students to name the most valuable thing they own OR the best experience they’ve had.
 - We all have things we highly value: sports, achievements, friendships, social media, etc.
 - The book of Hebrews shows us that Jesus is better than anything we could ever value.
- Jesus is greater than everything (Hebrews 1:1-4)
 - God spoke through the prophets, but now He speaks through Jesus, the ultimate revelation. (Hebrews 1:1-2)
 - Jesus is the radiance of God’s glory, the exact imprint of His nature, and superior to angels.
 - Illus: Imagine the difference between a blurry picture of someone and actually seeing them face to face – Jesus is the clear, full revelation of God.
- Jesus is greater than angels (Hebrews 1:5-14)
 - The Jews held angels in high regard, but the author of Hebrews proves Jesus is greater:
 - Jesus is the Son, angels are not (v. 5)
 - Angels worship Jesus, not the other way around (vv. 6-7)
 - Jesus is eternal, angels are created beings (vv. 8-12).
 - If Jesus is greater than even angels, He is certainly greater than any of our temporary priorities.
- How do we live like Jesus is greater?
 - Worship Jesus as He deserves – don’t let lesser things take His place in your heart
 - Trust Him as supreme – If He is the Creator and King, then His plan for you is better than yours.

- Surrender distractions – Identify something that might be taking Jesus’ rightful place in your life.
 - The book of Hebrews starts by making one thing clear: Jesus is better than everything else. If we believe this, our lives should reflect it.
- ***Gospel Proclamation:*** The greatest thing we can ever do is recognize Jesus for who He is – God Himself, the savior, and the King of all. Have you truly surrendered your life to Him, acknowledging Him as supreme?

Key question/application: Are you living like Jesus is truly greater than everything else in life? What’s an area of your life you need to acknowledge Jesus as superior and fully trust Him?

Community Group questions:

- Read Hebrews 1:1-4. What do these verses tell us about who Jesus is?
- Why do you think people are tempted to put other things (sports, success, relationships, etc.) above Jesus?
- What are some things in your life that compete for your attention instead of Jesus?
- What is one way you can practically live like “Jesus is greater” this week?