

## INTRO

- Life can feel noisy. What's one source of "noise" in your life that you find hardest to tune out?

The book of Hebrews shows us that in a world full of pressures, distractions, and doubts, the way of Jesus is the better way. God has spoken his final and better word through his Son, and that word is the better way for our faith, life, and hope.

## READ

Hebrews 1:1-4

*Q: What stands out to you about the text?*

## REFLECT &amp; RESPOND

Both noise and silence can disorient us. But this opening text tells us that God cuts across the noise and interrupts the silence with clarity:

***In these last days God has spoken to us by his Son.***

*Q: In what general ways has God spoken to us?*

*Q: The preacher of Hebrews states that God spoke more specifically through the prophets. How should this influence our approach to reading the Old Testament?*

God has communicated ultimately and most clearly through the person and work of His Son, Jesus Christ. Hebrews 1:2-3 gives seven descriptions of Jesus (heir, creator, radiance, exact representation, sustainer, purifier, exalted).

*Q: Which one do you resonate most with right now?*

Hebrews will return again and again to the image of Jesus exalted to the right hand of God (1:13; 8:1; 10:12; 12:2).

*Q: For an audience facing pressure and persecution for their faith, to the point where some are abandoning it, why is it important for them (and us) to be reminded of the supremacy and exaltation of Christ?*

Because Jesus is enthroned, he deserves our attention, adoration, and allegiance. He is worthy of our worship—reorienting our whole lives around him. He also sustains us in our struggles and is the anchor for our hope.

*Q: Identify an area right now where you feel you're carrying a heavy burden alone, or feel hopeless. Share it with the group, and pray, "Jesus, sustain me here."*

"The Christian life is the practice of attending to the voice of God, which speaks in many and various ways, but finally and fully in Jesus." — Eugene Peterson

*Q: Practically, how can we become more attentive to what and how God has spoken to us through his Son in our day-to-day lives?*

## PRAY

- Thank God for revealing himself in Christ.
- Ask for strength to live with Jesus at the centre of your life—your worship, struggles, and hope.