

## Growth Group Discussion

### Fall

#### Week 4

We use these times to *grow spiritually and to deepen our relationships*.

In this message series, we're focusing on how Jesus is "better"—better than any other pursuit or priority we could build our lives around. Right now, we're focusing on seven aspects in which Jesus is **better**.

**Theme Passage:** In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets at many times and in various ways, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and **through whom also he made the universe**. The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven.—Hebrews 1:1-3

### Getting to Know You

What is the most awe-inspiring moment you have every spent marveling at something beautiful or amazing in Creation?

### Better.—Part II

### Reflection and Discussion

1. What stood out to you most from Sunday's message?

2. Read Psalm 8:1-9. Reflecting on your place in creation, how do you think God views you? How does that make you feel?

3. Read Psalm 19:1-4. In what ways do you think "the heavens declare the glory of God", as the psalmist says? Why do you think people over the world marvel at the sky (especially the night sky)?

4. Hebrews 1 is not the only passage in the Bible where it is taught that the universe was made through God the Son (Jesus). Read John 1:1-3 and Colossians 1:15-20. What stands out to you? Do you ever stop to consider that Jesus had and has an existence totally outside of his days of earthly life? How do you imagine the heavenly relationship has been enhanced by the fact that Jesus (the Son) has experienced both closeness (unity in purpose and love) with His Father and separation (notably on the cross and, in a sense, during Jesus' earthly life)?

When you enter God's family, you are entering a family eternally filled with love and closeness among Father, Son, and Spirit. Just as a child does not need to supply the love in a family she's born into, but grows to love her family because she is loved by them. Do you think meditating on God's love for you can cause your love for God and others to grow and flourish? Will you commit to that meditation this week?

5. How did it go with reading Hebrews 1-2 last week? Did anything strike your heart or mind? Will you read chapters 3-4 this week? Share things you read throughout the week with people in your group:)

## **Family Reminders**

### **Fall Family Festival and Dance**

Saturday, October 14th from 7-9 pm in the gym  
Join us for music, line dancing, table games, light refreshments and fellowship! Bring your family and friends and come enjoy a fun evening with the Jax family!!

### **Teen Retreat**

We'll be hosting a teen retreat serving teens throughout Florida the weekend of **October 27th to 29th**. Sign up at the Welcome Center to help with housing and/or to volunteer! For more info, contact Chip Fowler at (904) 545-4446.

### **Camping Trip—Don't Wait!**

Campsite reservations for our annual Camping Trip to Stephen Foster campground in Georgia the weekend of **November 10-12** (Friday and Saturday nights) are happening at the Welcome Center on Sundays. You can pay with cash, credit card, or check. Any additional nights you wish to stay can be made directly with the campground (Stephen C. Foster State Park at 1- 800-864-7275).

### **Special Offering**

You can turn in a talent goal card (for the first time or additional goals) and/or give to our special offering this year **AT ANY TIME** during the year, using red envelopes in the pews. There is no special giving date or cutoff date (other than New Year's Eve:) We can do it!