

Session 1: Hebrews Vol. 1

Overview: This Sunday we kicked off a new collection of talks titled “Hebrews”. Over the next couple weeks we will be diving into the scriptures and going over tools to help us better understand, and interpret the Bible when reading on our own. This Sunday Pastor Dave reminded us that we cannot just read Hebrews without reading the whole Bible although Hebrews is a big picture of the whole Bible. He spoke to us that faith does not have a middle group but that we are either drifting closer to Jesus or drifting away from Him. Three of the tools Pastor Dave went over were, hermeneutics tools to help us understand the Bible, exegesis, letting God’s word say what it says and not bringing our own opinions into it, and the importance of knowing the author, and the original audience that it was written to and for.

Key Scripture:

- **Hebrews 1:1-14**
- **Hebrews 2:1-4**
- **John 6:29**
- **Hebrews 2:3**

Discussion Questions:

1. Which of the three tools (hermeneutics, exegesis, understanding author/audience) stood out to you most, and how could it challenge you to now read scripture?
2. Have you ever experienced yourself trying to place your own opinion into scripture rather than letting God’s word say what it says?
3. The original audience in Hebrews drifted back because following Jesus became difficult. When life gets hard, what tempts you to go back to your old ways, or easier patterns?
4. Pastor Dave spoke “Your behavior always follows your beliefs”. Can you think of an example in your life where a shift in belief led to a shift in behavior?

Prayer:

Lord, thank you for your word, that through reading the Bible we can hear from you, as we read would you help us through your Holy Spirit to interpret and understand what you are saying and not putting our opinions into your word, Lord we pray your word would transform us and change us, in Jesus name, Amen.

