

# LIFE GROUP – WEEK ONE



## Jesus is More

Hebrews 1:1-4

*We are so excited to live into our vision as a movement of passionate Jesus followers who are experiencing God, loving others, impacting communities, and building legacy - thank you for joining us in this movement of God!*

*This Winter, we are focusing on experiencing God's presence by encountering Jesus in the Book of Hebrews. During this season, we will grow in our intimate knowledge of who Jesus is and experience his power and grace to transform us.*

*This week, Pastor Bubba opened our sermon series by encouraging us to reject counterfeit versions of Jesus offered by our world, and embrace the real Jesus, who is still speaking to us today.*

*This first week of Life Group will look a bit different from the next 9 weeks. This week, we want to focus on connecting as a group, reviewing our group commitment, and praying together for the next 10 weeks.*

## DISCUSSION GUIDE

Feel free to take your time catching up and connecting with one another over a meal or dessert. Week 1 is all about establishing the kind of community where you can be present to God and to one another!

If you need a little help getting the conversation going, consider starting with these questions...

**Ice Breaker:** If someone was offering...what's one food/beverage that you would never say no to?

**Going Deeper:** How have you been experiencing God's presence most regularly lately?

## LIFE GROUP COMMITMENT

After your meal (or while you're eating), take 10 minutes or so to review the **Life Group Commitment**, you can find it in the Life Group Resource Center on the website at [resurrectionchurch.com/groups](http://resurrectionchurch.com/groups). Scroll to the bottom of the page to find it!

We believe participating in a Life Group is one of the most impactful ways we can be formed in the way of Jesus at Resurrection Church. This group commitment will help you clarify your group's goals, expectations, and commitment to one another.

## GROUP DISCUSSION

This week, rather than our usual questions, we're going to engage our heads, hearts, and hands by letting God speak to us through his word. Pastor Bubba reminded us in the sermon that "Jesus is still speaking today. Every time we open the Bible God speaks to us by his Son."

We really believe that! So we are going to use our time in Life Group tonight by allowing God to speak to us on his terms by reading through the entire book of Hebrews together as a group.

Starting with your Life Group leader, take turns reading one chapter (or shorter sections, if you want to break it up more) at a time, until you've finished the book. Hebrews usually takes about 45-60 minutes to read aloud, which means this will take up the rest of the time we have together.

When you've finished, you'll spend some time responding to God's word in prayer together (see "Practice of Presence" on page 3).

## PRACTICE OF PRESENCE

Close your discussion with a time of extended prayer (10-15 minutes).

Opening your hands in a posture of prayer and receiving, spend a few minutes quietly asking God to be present with you. This might include Scripture passages, images, memories, or words. If you feel comfortable doing so (or if you don't, but you sense the Spirit leading you), share what God is saying to you with the group.

Close by inviting the Holy Spirit to grow your intimacy **with**, knowledge **of**, and love **for** Jesus in your group and in Resurrection Church this winter.

### HEBREWS 12:1-2

<sup>1</sup> Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, <sup>2</sup> but in these last days **he has spoken to us by his Son**, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. <sup>3</sup> He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, <sup>4</sup> having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.