

LIFE GROUP – WEEK FIVE



Jesus is our Big Brother

Hebrews 2:10-18

This Winter, we are experiencing God's presence together by encountering Jesus in the Book of Hebrews. This week, we considered the reality that Jesus is not only our God and King - he is also our brother. What does it mean for us that Jesus is our brother? What kind of brother is he? He is a perfect big brother who delivers us, makes atonement for us, and helps us in our need.

GETTING STARTED

We start each week by intentionally being present to one another. If you need a little help getting the conversation going, consider starting with these questions...

Ice Breaker

Who is your favorite sidekick in pop culture and why?

Going Deeper

Share your favorite "big sibling" story (if you have one). Could be about you and your sibling(s), your kids, parents, etc.

DISCUSSION GUIDE

Our discipleship to Jesus is meant to be a holistic way of living, involving our whole selves - **head, heart, and hands**. While each person will likely gravitate to one of these over the others, it's important we all consider how God's love affects our minds, our hearts, and our actions.

REMINDER: These guides are meant to facilitate PRESENCE - to God and one another - not to check boxes. Feel free to let conversation naturally flow to whichever questions connect with you personally. As the Spirit leads you, feel free to set aside this guide to pause, praise, and pray together.

HEAD

Have you ever considered that one of the implications of being an adopted child of God is that we not only have a good Father, but also a perfect big brother? What do you think about that?

Is it easy or difficult for you to relate to Jesus as your big brother? What is the significance that Jesus is your brother, in addition to your savior and king?

In what way was Jesus, who was without sin, "made perfect?" Why does it matter that Jesus was "made perfect through suffering?"

HEART

Hebrews 2:10-18 assures us that Jesus is our perfect big brother who delivers us, makes atonement for us, and helps us.

How have you experienced Jesus' deliverance in the past? How do you need him to deliver you now?

How have you experienced Jesus' atonement in the past? How do you need him to make atonement for you now?

How have you experienced Jesus' help in the past? How do you need him to help you now?

HANDS

Bubba said, "You can be adopted by God, yet still live like an orphan." What might that look like practically?

Have you ever gone through a season of living like an orphan, even though you are an adopted child of God? What helped you move out of that season?

What role can the church community play in reminding one another of our identity as brothers and sisters of Jesus? How can you help someone remember that they have a perfect big brother this week?

PRACTICE OF PRESENCE

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

During this time your leader* will prompt your prayers with the truths we read in Hebrews 2:10-18: Jesus delivers us, makes atonement for us, and helps us. Take a few minutes to sit with each of these gospel truths, meditating on them for your own life, and offering unhurried prayers of thanksgiving, adoration, and supplication (asking for help). After a few minutes praying about one of these truths, your leader will prompt you with the next one.

**Leaders - consider reading the following verses to transition to each prayer point: Heb 2:14-15 (Jesus delivers us); Heb 2:16-17 (Jesus makes atonement for us); Heb 2:18 (Jesus helps us)*