



Sometimes we need a different angle from which to view things. A new perspective often shows us what we're missing, lacking, or how we're not seeing the whole picture. We just started a brand-new sermon series called, "Greater" and began studying the book of Hebrews. The letter was written to Jewish people living in the first century. The early church was being persecuted and many of the believers were slipping back into Jewish customs to avoid persecution. We know it was written to Hebrew people as it talks about the Old Testament in great depth. The first four verses are some of the most poetic, poignant, and clear verses in the New Testament about who Jesus Christ is. Let's study Hebrews 1:1-14 together!

1. Neal shared a story about climbing a mountain and getting a different view of the same thing. Share about a time when you saw something from a different vantage point and how that changed your perspective.
2. **Read Hebrews 1:1-2.** We read that God has spoken to us through the prophets in a variety of ways. **Read Matthew 5:17-20** and talk about how Jesus is greater than the prophets who preceded Him.
3. We learn that God has spoken to us through His Son. **Read Luke 4:16-21.** Jesus knew one of the roles of the prophets was to point people to Himself. Share how God's Word has spoken to you and pointed you to Jesus.
4. **Read Hebrews 1:3-4.** We learn that Jesus is the exact representation of God. That means if we want to know God, we need to look to Jesus. Read these verses and talk about how they help us know God: **Mark 2:1-12, Matt. 9:36, and John 11:35.**
5. Jesus is not only the author of life but the sustainer of life. **Read Philippians 2:5-11.** In the letter to the church in Philippi, Paul teaches us about the character and nature of Jesus. How do these verses help you understand who Jesus is?
6. Neal said the church is going through trying times right now. He talked about how we need to make sure that Jesus is the foundation of our living. Share about how you have trusted in scaffolding and not Jesus as the foundation. How will you change?
7. **Read Hebrews 1:5-14.** In the last ten verses we see multiple ways that Jesus is greater than the angels. Pick a couple of these verses, go read them in the Old Testament and talk about how Jesus is greater than the angels.
8. Close your time in prayer. Pray for strength to invite a friend to meet Jesus.