

Sustained by His Word

Revive

Hebrews 1:1-4

EXPLORING THE SERMON

- * What did you hear?
- * What did you think or feel about what you heard?
- * What is one thing you can take away from the sermon this week?

KEY VERSES

1 Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. 2 He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. 3 When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, 4 having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

REFLECTION AND DISCUSSION

In this new teaching series, it is fitting for us to explore the book of Hebrews as we emerge from the difficulty and struggles of the past year. Hebrews was written to a community of people whose lives were also interrupted, to remind them of the passion and purpose found in their faith. ***In what ways have you experienced languishing over this past year? What practices, habits, or people have helped you emerge from this way of feeling?***

The author of Hebrews, writing to Jewish Christians, uses Old Testament imagery (v1-2) to connect the word of the prophets to Jesus, who "sustains all things by his powerful word." As all aspects of our life open back up, we have the opportunity to choose activities through which God can revive us. ***Discuss how each of the three themes of this letter can impact our lives as we move forward.***

- 1) Christ is a reflection of God (v3): Drawing closer to Christ gets us closer to the one who gave us life and can revive us. ***Why is this important? What can help draw you closer to Christ in this next season?***
- 2) The excellence of Christ (v4): We follow the person of Christ, not a doctrine. God's love bridged the gap for us on the cross since we cannot solve the woes of this world on our own. ***Since God sets us free, how then should we feel in the work we do on behalf of Him? How can we be witness to a more excellent, loving, passionate way of living?***
- 3) The centrality of God's spoken word: God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets, and speaks to us through Christ today. To be revived in our faith, we must point ourselves to his word. ***How have you been sustained by the word of God through reciting scripture, singing a song, or other? This week, we're encouraged to read the gospel of Mark as a way to connect with God and each other.***

Heavenly Father, thank you for the truth of Hebrews for our lives today. May your reviving spirit blow through our lives this week through your word, and may we awaken to all that life can be. Amen.