

Hebrews 2:5-18
Suffering and the fear of death
Bible study questions and application

1. Share together stories of personal hardship and as many examples of the way people suffer.
2. Discuss the matter of what people generally see to be the biggest problems in the world (like climate change, migration and poverty) and compare these to the problems of:
 - a. How can the devil's power over death be destroyed?
 - b. How can the wrath of God be averted?
 - c. How can we access any kind of help on our journey through this broken world?
3. In our passage today the author is presenting a case to show that Jesus is superior to the angels. Where in chapter 1 the focus was on the divinity of Jesus, chapter 2 focuses on the humanity of Jesus. The author demonstrates how Jesus as "a man like us" and as "a man for us he addresses the worlds suffering and fear of death. How is Jesus a man like us and how is He a man for us?
4. What are the practical applications for us as believers today in the midst of our suffering and fear of death that...
 - a. Jesus destroyed the devil's power over death
 - b. Jesus averts the wrath of God
 - c. You and I have access to the help we need
5. How should our relationship with Jesus and His suffering help us in our times of need?
6. Ask the group to identify a struggle they are facing and then pray for each other.