

HEBREWS

STUDY 03 – HEB 2:5-18

1. If there was a fire in a building would it make sense for a lifeguard in his Speedos to go in and try to put it out? Why? If someone was drowning, would it make sense for a fire-fighter to go in the water with all their protective clothes on and try to save them? Why?

*Intro to develop the idea that in those situations they would clearly **not** be an **appropriate saviour**. It would be pointless.*



Read Hebrews 2:5-18

2. What do you think is 'the world to come', and who is it subjected to?

It is heaven, a place which is free from sin forever. It is subjected to the rule of Jesus.

3. Read Psalm 8. What does this tell us about the role of humans in creation?

We see that humans are to rule over creation. Good to get them thinking about what 'rule over' means. (It also involves caring for).

- a. Is this picture still true today? Why is that so?

We do see people ruling over creation – but not in the way that God intended people to, and we definitely fail to properly care for creation.

- b. Who do we see ruling over creation instead of humans? (verse 9)

Ultimately it is Jesus who rules over everything including all of creation.

4. How has Jesus brought 'many sons to glory'? (verse 10) What is this glory that is being referred to here?

Through his suffering and death he has achieved atonement for sins. The glory being referred to is our salvation.

5. Why do you think that Jesus is not ashamed to call us brothers? (verse 11)

We are in the same family as Jesus (we can both call God our Father). This is both very important and exciting!

6. Why is it so important that Jesus shares in our humanity?

It means that he is able to be an appropriate Saviour! He can relate to our struggles and temptations, yet he led a sinless life. It also shows that as he was able to defeat death we can have a certain hope of resurrection.

7. What is it that Christ has saved us from? (verses 14-15)

We have been saved from our slavery to sin.

8. What is the significance of Jesus being human in terms of temptation?

He is able to relate to our experiences and can help us in these struggles.

a. What are some things that you find yourself tempted by?

A chance for some practical application. Get them to think of some genuine struggles (and encourage them to share these with one another).

b. How do you think Jesus actually helps us in our temptation?

His example is able to provide us with motivation and encouragement, but more-so we can rely on him through prayer in the midst of our struggles.

9. Remember back to our overview of Hebrews – they were persecuted and tempted to turn back to the law. How does this teaching about Jesus encourage them not to turn back?

*It reinforces that there is none better to save them from their sinfulness than God in human form, which is something that the Law cannot do. **Jesus is the ONLY appropriate saviour!***

10. Have you ever thought of Jesus as your **brother** before? What's so good about Jesus being your brother?

Chances are we don't often think about this. This is such great news, as it primarily means that we can share in His glory!

11. If Jesus is the **only** appropriate Saviour for us, what would be the consequences of walking away from him?

Consequences are clearly outlined as being undesirable (we would remain captive to the slavery of sin, and its consequences).

a. How does this encourage you to cling to Jesus?

Hopefully it provides a strong motivation!