



SERMON GUIDE

## JESUS IS GREATER

Hebrews 1:1-4 | Pastor Tim Porter

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The Conversation Guide is a great tool for individuals, families, discipleship groups and Missional Communities to take a deeper, more personal dive into the content of the current sermon series. The Conversation Guide will be posted by every Friday on the 'live' page of our website and in our weekly newsletter. We encourage you to use it this week on your own, around your dinner tables, over coffee with your friends or in your faith groups!

The Conversation Guide is built on the SOAP model, which is a tool you can use when reading the Bible. SOAP helps you be intentional about paying attention to:

- Scripture that stands out to you while you read
- Observations you are making about a passage
- Applications that connect the verses to your real life and relationships
- Prayer that invites God to participate in all that you do

## Conversation Questions

**Getting to Know Me:** Can you remember a scene or experience that really took your breath away with awe and wonder? Could you share it with the group? What made that scene or experience awesome?

**Note About the Passage:** Hebrews is written like a sermon – and it probably was. This is probably a sermon that was written down for circulation among the churches not long after the resurrection (early 60s AD). "Last days" refers to the final age of history, and it began with Jesus' life, death and resurrection. We have been living in the "last days" for 2,000 years. The Last Days was an age of time that the prophets of the Old Testament were eager to see.

**Read:** Hebrews 1:1-4

**S:** What verses, phrases, words, or feelings stand out to you as you read this text? Is anything "illuminated," surprising, or jumping off the page and affecting your spirit?

**O:** What might the impact be for a reader during this time to realize they are now in the "last days"?

**O:** What would be special about living in a time when God spoke through prophets at many times and in various ways? What is special about living in "these last days" when God has spoken to us by his son?

**O:** What is meaningful about each one of these phrases about Jesus?

"[the] Son whom he appointed the heir of all things..."

"through whom also he created the world..."

"the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature..."

"he upholds the universe by the word of his power..."

"after making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high..."

**A:** If God had written this passage just for you, what words, phrases or ideas would he have underlined specifically for you? What did you need to hear most? Why?

**A:** When you want to hear God speak, where do you look? How does your process match these verses?

**A:** What characteristics of Jesus can make a difference in your circumstances or relationships this week? How?

**P:** Talk to God about your application responses above. Ask him to speak to you, help you, forgive you, and provide direction that you need.