

Sermon Based Small Group Guide

January 27, 2019 sermon:

Hebrews: Jesus is Greater "When Heroes become idols"

Warm up: (15-20 minutes)

Questions for discussion:

- 1.) Hebrews talks about the need to encourage one another daily. Can you think of a time in your life when someone provided some biblical encouragement that helped you avoid making a bad decision or choosing to sin? What did they do or say that caused you to listen to their input?
- 2.) Have you ever found yourself feeling, "I can't enter into worship in this service because...they use the wrong Bible, sing the wrong songs, etc.,"? What was your struggle and would you agree that even "good things" can become idols to us when we put them (our preferences) about simply focusing on God?

Digging deeper: (20-30 minutes)

1. Jesus is greater than Moses, but the author is careful to treat this very important man in Israel's history with respect. While Moses was human and made serious mistakes, we still see a person who walked closely with and was greatly used by God. Read through the following verses and talk about some of the highs and lows of Moses' interactions with God that show how Moses' character changed over time.

-Exodus 2:11-12

-Exodus 4:10-17

-Exodus 5:22-23

-Exodus 14:10-14

-Exodus 20:18-20

-Exodus 32:7-14

-Exodus 32:30-32

-Exodus 33:12-17

-Numbers 11:11-15

-Numbers 14:11-20

2. Throughout history every human has struggled with sin's ability to deceive us starting with Adam and Eve. One example of this is a soldier by the name of Achan who disobeyed God by taking some plunder after Israel conquered Jericho. His disobedience resulted in a catastrophic defeat for the Israelites. He explains why he did this in [Joshua 7:20-21](#). What similarities and differences do you see in Achan's decision to sin compared to the process of sin described in [James 1:13-15](#)?

Application: (5-10 minutes) We NEED each other and we really believe that small groups are important, but the goal is to get to the point where you really feel a sense of responsibility for each other's spiritual health and progress. How is this going with you and your group? What, in your opinion, might help?