

JESUS IS **BETTER**

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Week 8 – A Better Invitation

Introduction:

Three rules for understanding the Bible: *Context, context, context!*

Words → Verse → Passage → Book → Testament → Biblical Storyline

Hebrews 4:12

See Acts 8:14, Acts 11:11, Romans 10:17

- The Word of God can refer to the _____
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- The Word of God can refer to the _____

Hebrews 4:13

Hebrews 4:14

Hebrews 4:15

Hebrews 4:16

See John 1:17

Life Application: The “Let Us” Patch of Hebrews:

1. The _____ (God wants us to experience His rest in Christ)
Hebrews 4:11
2. The _____ (Hold firmly to the faith – the gospel – we profess)
Hebrews 4:14
3. The _____ (Living in total confidence before God in Christ)

SMALL GROUP Q'S

Personal Life:

1. When you typically think of "The Gospel," do you tend to think in terms of "How to get to Heaven someday" or do you think more holistically about the Gospel and its implications for daily life and relationships? Explain..

Ponderings:

2. When you think about the invitation to "come boldly before the throne of grace" in a never-ending, recurring sense – what word-pictures or images of your Heavenly Father come to mind as you consider His disposition toward you?
3. Why is it the case that living under grace will lead to greater freedom FROM sin, while living under law/legalism will lead to greater bondage TO sin? How have you found this to be true in your own life? Discuss...
4. The Old Covenant was an invitation to come before an altar to offer sacrifices. The New Covenant is a BETTER invitation to come boldly before God's throne of grace based on Christ's once-for-all sacrifice. When we mix law and grace in the way we relate to God, how does that compromise or minimize our confidence before Him?
5. In the message, it was mentioned that "hurt people hurt people." Do you see a connection between a person's concept of God and the way they relate to friends, family, neighbors and themselves? Explain your thoughts...

Promptings:

6. The major point of Hebrews 4 is to invite believers into a perpetual state of REST before God. Can you honestly say that the dominant quality of your life can be characterized as "restful?" If not, what is robbing you of that sense of peace? Why is the Gospel so powerful to impact your soul regardless of your outward circumstances? Are you willing to claim His REST like never before in 2018?