

Skip forward and read Hebrews 7:27. How is Jesus the same, and how is he different, to other priests in the Old Testament?

Reviewing Hebrews 2:10-17, and in the light of what we saw last week about Jesus being the divine Son of God and the exact representation of his being, what do we learn about why Jesus is such a great high priest?

Jesus shows us that the great God of all things is for us! He's the divine Son of God who chose to share our very humanity and mortality, suffering even to death for us. How does this make you feel about God?

Read Hebrews 3:1. What then, is the answer, as we seek to navigate the struggles of life?

#### Close in prayer

Spend a few minutes taking turns simply thanking God for Jesus – who he is and what he's done. Ask his Spirit to help you keep your eyes fixed on Jesus.



# Fix Your Eyes

## The Book of Hebrews Growth Group Study Guide

Week 2

5 June 2022

“What We Have in Jesus”

**Hebrews 2:5 – 3:6**

### Series Overview:

“Fix Your Eyes” is a study of the book of Hebrews. We don’t know for sure who the author of the book is. What we do know is that this letter was written to a group of Christ-followers who were experiencing tremendous suffering and hardship. Its message is clear. In the midst of your pain, fix your eyes on Jesus who is the exact imprint of God’s nature and the ultimate reflection of God’s glory. This is our hope.

## Hebrews: Fix Your Eyes

### Week 2: WHAT WE HAVE IN JESUS

#### Hebrews 2:5 – 3:6

This passage touches on ‘Jesus as priest’ – one of the images from the Old Testament, used in Hebrews, to help us understand Jesus. What can you remember from Cassie’s reflections about ‘Jesus as priest’ at the start of the sermon?

People can be amazing and people can do unspeakable evil. Share examples that illustrate each of these truths.

#### Read Hebrews 2:5-8.

Here we have a quote from Psalm 8, which celebrates the special place God has given humanity in creation. What evidence is there in these verses, that things are not all as they should be?

Genesis 1 tells us that people were made in the ‘image’ of God, to ‘rule’ his creation in a way that ‘images’ him, reflecting his loving care (vv26-28). Is that what we see when we look at the state of the world today?

We see glimpses of what we were meant to be, in the beautiful, good and just – but we also see ugliness, violence and injustice. We aren’t ‘imaging’ God as we should. We have dominion and yet we don’t – creation isn’t under our control, it frustrates and rebels against us – we ourselves are the slaves because of death and our fear of it. Clearly we fall short.

Thankfully, that’s not the end of the story. **Read Hebrews 2:9.**

What does this tell us about Jesus?

Psalm 8 was originally directed to people, but ultimately directs us to Jesus because he’s the only one who truly fulfils what is declared there.

What part does Jesus’ death play in this?

**Read Hebrews 2:10-15.** Jesus fulfils God’s purposes for humanity. What do we learn from these verses, about what this means for the rest of us?

**Read Hebrews 2:17.** What does it mean that Jesus is described as ‘merciful and faithful high priest’?