

Use the following thoughts and questions to have a spiritual conversation as a family. Don't emphasize having the right answer, but focus on spending time discussing the Word as a family.

Scripture

Hebrews 1:1-3, 8:1-6, 10:11-18

Session Summary

The pinnacle of God's revelation is the incarnation of God the Son, Jesus Christ. He is the radiance of God's glory, meaning He is God's glory on display. As Paul said in 2 Corinthians 4:6, our hearts can see "God's glory in the face of Jesus Christ." Jesus is able to do this because He is the eternal God in the flesh. Therefore, He perfectly displays God's attributes for us to see. Jesus is also a high priest who mediates a new and better covenant. His mediation has been performed in heaven itself (Heb. 8:2), and has been completed, for Jesus "sat down at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens" (Heb. 8:1). The old covenant priesthood and its temple were never meant to be permanent, but merely a copy of the heavenly temple and the shadow of which Christ was the substance.

Unfortunately, our view of Jesus is shaped more by pop culture than by the Scriptures. We think of him as a moral teacher and example to follow. While He is certainly those things, the book of Hebrews shows us that Jesus is so much more than that. Jesus has done everything necessary for us to approach God freely. Don't let your sins keep you from God when Jesus has done so much to cover your sins and bring you to God. If we truly believe in Jesus' saving work, then we will come to God freely and regularly instead of running and hiding from Him.

- What does Jesus teach us about what God is like?
- Why do we struggle to believe that Jesus has completely forgiven us?
- What are some ways we have seen God change our hearts through the gospel?
- How can we show others that Jesus is better than they ever imagined?

Can you think of some things that are better than they once were? So many things are better than they were before. For example, cars, phones, video games, and shoes have all been improved in significant ways. Challenge each family member to research something they are interested in and give a presentation to the rest of the family about why it is greater now than it was before. Then, have a discussion about why Jesus is greater than the old covenant.