

Icebreaker Question

What was your view of God as a child?

Question 1

If this question starts good discussion, allow that discussion to go as long as healthy, on-topic discussion continues.

Some of the best group discussion you will have is when there is open discussion about the Word.



1. What things did you learn in your personal study this week?

2. Of the claims of Christ's supremacy from the beginning of the chapter, which of these are most relevant to you? Which seem hard to grasp?

Jesus is the Word of God, God's Son, Heir of all things, Creator, expression of God's Glory and many others from v1-5.

3. How was being the firstborn more meaningful in Jewish culture than ours?

The firstborn had a place of honor, and inheritance and represented the family. Our culture today does not give the firstborn this same honor.

4. We see the firstborn as the heir to the Father's estate, in this case what has Christ inherited?

(Verse 2) All things, (Verse 8) throne, scepter of His Kingdom.

5. As heirs with Christ, what are some things we might inherit?

As brothers and sisters in Christ, we will share in everything the Father has given to Christ. Here are some verses that discuss inheritance you might use to further your discussion: John 16:15, Rom 8:17, Gal 4:7. Feel free to look up other verses as there are many more.

Question 6

Have some fun and ask the group what they thought about angels as a child.



6. In culture today, what are some popular ideas about angels?

7. In the first century Jewish culture, why was it important for Christ be to shown superior to angels?

Angels had very important roles as messengers of God. They delivered messages of blessing, judgment and the Law (see 2:2). They were the highest created beings in the heavenly order besides God.

Response

Don't force each member in your group to pray, but open up prayer for everyone to participate. Times of silence are normal so don't end your prayer time early, push through the awkward. Make this worship.

One way we can worship God is simply acknowledging who He is and giving Him praise and honor. At the end of your group time pray as a group. Specifically focus your prayer on acknowledging the different attributes of God (such as Creator) and then thank Him personally for that. You may begin by taking the claims of Christ listed in Hebrews 1, but do not limit it to these attributes.



