

JOURNEY WAYPOINTS

A stop along the journey to study, share, and support one another while we learn the way of Jesus.

This Week's Big Idea

What Jesus has done to bring us to Himself is greater than anything we could do in our own strength. Therefore we have to trust Him, encourage and challenge each other, and let His words transform us. As we boldly turn to Him, He empowers us with everything we need to follow Him well.

Scripture & Study

KEY TEXT: Hebrews 3:1, 3, 8, 12-13, 3:19-4:1, 4:12-16 [Click here to access this week's scriptures](#)

Fix your thoughts on Jesus! He is so much greater than sin, shame, angels, demons, etc., etc.! Because Jesus is greater, we share a heavenly calling to allow Him to be the one who both calls us to be holy, and the one who makes us holy.

We must be careful to not fall into the trap of doubting that Jesus is Greater. In the midst of what we encounter daily, we must keep our thoughts on Jesus and our trust in Him. One of the ways that we do that is by encouraging and challenging each other. Sin and unbelief are deceitful - they creep up on us while disguising their danger. Our covenant partners, by reminding us who Jesus is, and by challenging us to live the lives we are called to live, expose sin for what it is and provoke faith in our hearts.

The most profound way to call each one to live the Greater life of Jesus is by sharing His Word with each other. His Word doesn't play games! It swiftly reveals what is going on inside of our hearts - whether we like it or not! The beautiful part of this is that while His Word cuts deep, it brings healing. While it destroys darkness, it births life. While it attacks unbelief, it produces faith. His Word not only reveals who we were always meant to be, but it also empowers us to live that life. We can't live this life through our own strength, but that is okay, because we can boldly receive the strength we need from Jesus. He is Greater!

Discussion Questions

- The Children of Israel lived and experienced the incredible, life-freeing power of God as they were delivered from Egypt. Yet they quickly came to doubt the very one who had freed them. What are ways that we tend to forget what God has done?
- Why is it hard to remember the faithfulness of God yesterday, when we are encountering hardship today?
- Are we willing to allow others to encourage or challenge us regarding unbelief or sin in our lives? Why or why not? Are we willing to encourage or challenge our covenant partners? Why or why not?

Apply It

- Read through Hebrews 3 and 4, and ask yourself if Jesus is in the center of your thoughts? Is His greatness in the forefront of your mind as you encounter life? In prayer, ask Jesus to show you what He has to say to you through His Word. Does He have a verse for you to memorize this week?
- Write "Jesus is Greater" on a notecard. Or on two, or three! Tape the notecards in place where you look regularly! On the bathroom mirror. The refrigerator. The back of your phone. The side of the tv screen.