

WHAT IN THE WORLD IS GOING ON?

PROPHECY UPDATE

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JANUARY 8 AT 6:30PM

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Jan. 11 - March 8

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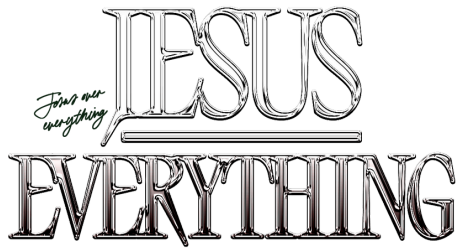


UCYC, LOCATED IN PRESCOTT, AZ

YOUTH CAMP

JULY 6 - JULY 10





week 01
Jesus Over Everything
Hebrews 1:1-4

opening prayer (2 min)

Leader Prompt (Optional): Tonight we begin Hebrews, a letter written to believers who were tired, pressured, and tempted to drift. This study doesn't ask us to add Jesus to our lives, but to re-center everything around Him.

Prayer: "Father, thank You for speaking to us through Your Son. Lift our eyes to see Jesus clearly, not as one priority among many, but as Lord over all. Reorder our hearts, anchor our faith, and shape our lives around what cannot be shaken. In Jesus' name, Amen."

highlights & connection (8 min)

Purpose: Build relational connection and gently bridge into the theme.

Leader Prompt (Optional): *Share briefly where you've felt encouraged or stretched this past week. Keep space for everyone.*

opening reflection

- What does success look like in our culture right now?
- What are some good things that slowly become ultimate things?
- Have you ever realized you were giving your best energy to something that couldn't carry the weight of your life?

Story Connection: Briefly recall the sermon illustration of the ladder leaning against the wrong wall.

Key Thought: "The problem isn't that Jesus disappears from our lives, it's that He quietly moves down the list."

scripture focus (15 min)

Read Aloud: Hebrews 1:1-4

Invite someone to read slowly. Encourage listening, not skimming.

Context (Leader Summary)

Hebrews was written to believers who had trusted Jesus but were under pressure, socially, spiritually, and emotionally. They weren't rejecting Christ outright (yet); they were drifting back toward what felt familiar and controllable. The author responds by lifting their vision of Jesus, showing that everything they were tempted to return to was always meant to point to Him.

main discussion focus

Leaders: aim for depth, not coverage.

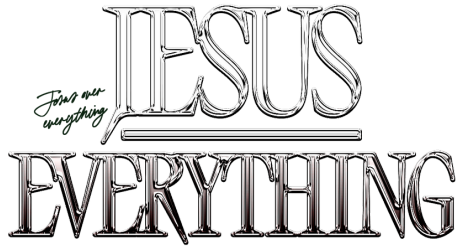
Key Truth # 1 - Jesus Is God's Final Word

"In these last days he has spoken to us by his Son..."

Discuss

- Why are people still tempted to look for "something more" beyond Jesus?
- How is Jesus different from prophets, spiritual teachers, or moral systems?
- What does it mean that Christianity is centered on a Person, not just a message?

Key Insight: God didn't send more information, He sent Himself.



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Key Truth # 2 - Jesus Is Over Everything

Hebrews describes Jesus as:

- God's Son
- Heir of all things
- Creator of the world
- Radiance of God's glory
- Exact imprint of God's nature
- Sustainer of the universe
- Purifier of sins
- Enthroned King

Discuss

- Which description of Jesus stands out most to you? Why?
- How does this challenge a smaller or more manageable view of Jesus?
- What happens when Jesus is admired but not prioritized?

Key Insight: We don't make Jesus supreme, He already is. The question is whether our lives reflect that reality.

Key Truth # 3 - Shadows vs. Substance

The original audience was tempted to return to religious shadows instead of the substance found in Christ.

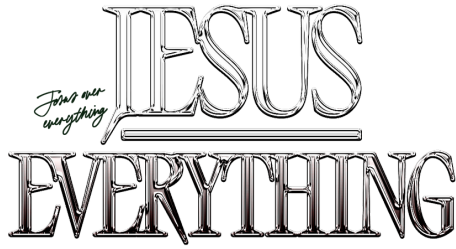
Modern shadows may include:

- Success as identity
- Comfort as purpose
- Self-help as salvation
- Family or relationships as ultimate
- Moralism without relationship

Discuss

- Which of these shadows feels most tempting in our cultural moment?
- Why do shadows feel safer or more controllable than Jesus?
- How does Hebrews expose the limits of these substitutes?

Key Insight: Shadows promise life but cannot sustain it. Only Jesus can carry the weight of worship.



missional living (20-25 min)

Purpose: Respond to the truth of Hebrews by living with Jesus as first, not just in belief, but in daily life and relationships.

Leader Frame (Optional): Hebrews doesn't just tell us who Jesus is, it shows us what changes when He is truly over everything. A bigger vision of Jesus leads to a reordered life

Seeing Jesus Clearly → Living Differently

Scripture Insight: Jesus is not one influence among many. He is Creator, Sustainer, and King, able to carry the full weight of our lives.

Brief Discussion:

- How does a diminished view of Jesus quietly reshape the way we live?
- What changes when Jesus moves from being important to being first?

Living It Out as the Family of God

Leader Prompt: Think about the people God has already placed in your everyday life, family, friends, coworkers, neighbors.

Group Sharing

- Each person shares one person they feel prompted to pray for or be more intentional with this week
- Keep sharing brief; awareness over explanation

Guided Conversation

- Where might God already be at work around you?
- What does faithfulness look like when Jesus is truly over everything?
- How does belonging to God's family reshape how we see those not yet part of it?

Key Insight: When Jesus is first, our lives become a quiet invitation to others.

Weekly Practice & Shared Accountability

This Week's Practice

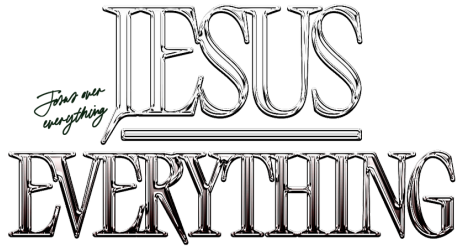
- Identify one person outside the church you will be intentional with
- Take one simple step: listen well, ask a thoughtful question, share a meal, or extend an invitation

Accountability Rhythm

At the start of next group, briefly share:

- the step you took
- what you noticed

This is about faithfulness, not outcomes.



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prayer: praying together (10 min)

Leader Guide - Prayer Rhythm

Recenter on Jesus: Thank Jesus for who He is and ask for a clearer vision of His supremacy.

Pray as the Family of God: Pray for one another, especially those feeling tired, pressured, or drifting.

Reach our World: Pray for friends, neighbors, and family, and for Awaken Las Vegas to reflect Christ clearly.

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Group Prayer Prompt: "Jesus, help us see You clearly, worship You rightly, and follow You fully. Shape us into a people who reflect Your greatness."

final takeaways - carry this week

- **Remember** – A bigger vision of Jesus produces a steadier faith.
- **Practice** – We keep Jesus first by helping one another notice drift and recenter.
- **Live Sent** – A reordered life becomes a visible witness.

memory verse

"He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature..."
Hebrews 1:3 (ESV)