



# JESUS IS SUPERIOR

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## THE MESSAGE CONNECT

### WEEK ELEVEN: MOVING FORWARD

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#### Next Steps:

**1. Start Talking.** Find a conversation starter for your group.

When it comes to communication, what do you repeat over and over again? Who is it with and what about?

**2. Start Thinking.** Ask a thoughtful question.

What did God teach you during the message this weekend? Did anything in particular stand out?

"Grace isn't really grace until we understand our need for it. Perhaps the reason why the Gospel message has failed to stir your heart is because we aren't aware of how offensive and serious sin is in the eyes of a Holy God."

Has this ever been true for you—either now or in the past? In what ways have you become numb to the sin in your life?

If you were honest, which way do you lean with these opposing dynamics: pride vs. humility, indifference vs. awareness, and stubbornness vs. repentance? Discuss and provide evidence from your life.

**3. Start Sharing.** Choose questions that create openness.

Hebrews 10:1-4: "There is a sinful bent in each person to *make our own way*. We can hardly stand it to have anyone do anything for us. We would rather earn it, work for it, or pay for it ourselves. This is where religion comes from. In our sinfulness, we prefer this. God hates this."

Can you recognize areas of your life where you try to earn God's favor through performance? Give examples.

Hebrews 10:5-10: The idea here is that the work of Christ is finished. God's Son came to do what we could never do.

Psalms 51:17; 1 Samuel 15:22; Hosea 6:6; Amos 5:21-24.

"This is a stern warning for those of us in Christ who just go through the motions in worship. If He is not on display in your worship, then He hates it. What God desires from us is a heart turned towards Him, not external sacrifices to cover our disobedience."

How does this hit you? When you worship God, is your mind mainly focused on yourself or is it focused on God?

What distractions get in your way? Why are they distractions? How can you eliminate those distractions?

Hebrews 10:11-20: Have you ever walked into a place without confidence? What does that look like? What does the confidence in verse 19 look like practically for you?

Hebrews 10:21-22: "Verses 21-22 remind us that the barrier is removed and we can come to Him without mixed motives because we really want what God offers. We don't need to be nervous. He has taken our guilt and shame. There should be no more hiding, no more accusations."

Do you feel clean? If not, what are some of the barriers that hold you back? Why are these barriers for you? How can you break through them?

Hebrews 10:23: Is there anyone here who is currently wavering? What are some of the obstacles in the way?

Hebrews 10:24-25: How we actively live out these verses together?

**4. Start Praying.** Be bold, and pray with power.

Take some time to pray over identified action steps and life issues. Pray that God would continue to actively grow and mature you in Christ.

**5. Start Doing.** Commit to a step and live it out this week.

Hebrews 10:32-39: "Those who reject faith out of pride or pain will lose everything. Those who embrace faith in the face of pride and pain will gain everything."

Does pride or pain get in the way of your faith in Jesus?

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Let Pastor Don lead your discussion.

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