



JESUS IS SUPERIOR

THE MESSAGE CONNECT

WEEK SEVEN:

Better Deal

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Key Scriptures:

Hebrews 6:19-20 (NLT) "This hope is a strong and trustworthy anchor for our souls. It leads us through the curtain into God's inner sanctuary.²⁰ Jesus has already gone in there for us. He has become our eternal High Priest in the order of Melchizedek."

2 Peter 3:9 (NLT) "The Lord isn't really being slow about his promise, as some people think. No, he is being patient for your sake. He does not want anyone to be destroyed, but wants everyone to repent."

Main Points:

- Religion Makes Us *Fearful*.
- Religion Makes Us Utter *Failures*.

Next Steps:

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

If you could live to be 100, but could keep either the body or the mind of a 30-year-old, which would you choose and why?

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

2. Start Thinking. Ask a thoughtful question.

"God's Word isn't just meant to be merely understood; but to be applied. How can you apply it if you don't understand it?"

Can you think of any sections of Scripture that you just don't understand? If so, what are they and what questions do you have? What could you do to seek understanding?

Is there a Scripture you have read which you understand but you choose not to apply? Why? What does the Word lead you to do? How can you do that?

3. Start Sharing. Choose questions that create openness.

What are some of the "old ways" that tempt you to turn from Jesus? When and where do they come up the most? How is Jesus superior to the old ways in your life?

Do you have religion or relationship with Jesus? What are the evidences of this in your life?

What separates you from God right now? Guilt? Shame? Your past? Objections? Pride?

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.

What action steps can you take to allow Jesus to move you past these barriers?

"But now you have been united with Christ Jesus. Once you were far away from God, but now you have been brought near to him through the blood of Christ." — Ephesians 2:13 (NLT2)

For more information about taking the next steps in your faith, visit: ringgoldchurch.com/nextsteps.

Let Pastor Don lead your discussion.

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