Hebrews 2:5-9 (January 14, 2022)

Reflection: In our secular world today, what or who do people think is in ultimate control of the world? How would this belief affect the way we think of our hope and purpose?

| Read Hebrews 2:5-9 | |
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| Hebrews 2:5-8a – A Psalm of the Son of Man's Glory and Dominion | |
| 1. The author of Hebrews again shows us that Jesus is superior to angels that God has "subjected the world to come" to Christ and not to angels. He then turns us to Psalm 8:4-6. Read and summarize Psalms 8:1-9 and pay special attention to what this passage says about "man" and the "son of man" (8:4-8). | ס |
| 2. Is there an issue with the author of Hebrews attributing this Psalm to Jesus? Who else could this passage b referring to, and explain how these qualities fit that person(s)? (Gen 1:26-27) Why is it appropriate to attribute this section to Christ? (Col 1:15-17) | e |

3. All people bear God's image; how does that make you think of yourself and purpose? How do you think Christians should understand the calling to have dominion?

Hebrews 2:8b-9 – Jesus' Glory and Dominion 4. Summarize this section and how Jesus connects to 2:6-8a. How does v.8b help us to answer the question, "how can God be in full control and yet there is still evil in the world," and what will the realization of Christ's dominion look like? (1 Cor 15:21-26, Rev 21:1-4) 5. From v.9, what did Jesus have to accomplish to put "everything in subjection under his feet"? How does Christ's act of suffering affect us and how is it God's grace to us? (1 Cor 5:18-21) 6. How does Jesus' accomplishment help us now to fulfil the description of mankind from Psalm 8:6-8? (Gen 1:26-27, Heb 2:10, Rom 8:17, 1 Cor 6:3) If Jesus has dominion over all things, what are some practical implications this has for us as believers? (1 Cor 15:25-26, Matthew 28:16-20, Rom 8:18, 8:28) As the song goes, "Because He lives, I can face tomorrow, because he lives all fear is gone, Because I know He holds the future, and life is worth the living just because He lives." We often forget the great blessing

that is ours to know that our God reigns, that there is none like Him in all creation and that we are made in his image. We are eternally grateful for his dominion and the salvation we experience through his name.

Spend some time this week reflecting on these great truths!