



**Hebrews – Stay the Course Part 1**  
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**USING THIS SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE**

We have provided all the Scriptures references in the sermon and some discussion questions for you to use to discuss the weekend message.

This Sermon Discussion Guide is only a tool to aid you in meeting the needs of your group. For most groups, there are too many questions to answer in one session together. Give priority to the needs and pace of your group members.

While the questions are important, remember your group's goal is to create an atmosphere that will foster true friendships. Use the discussion questions as you see fit but emphasize the relationships.

**[Hebrews 1:1-3]**

In the past God spoke to our forefathers through the prophets at many times and in various ways, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom also he created the universe. The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, ..sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven.

**[Hebrews 12:1]**

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us,

### **[Hebrews 12:2-3]**

Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

### **[Hebrews 2:1]**

We must pay the most careful attention, therefore, to what we have heard, so that we do not drift away.

### **[2 Timothy 3:1-5, MSG]**

You should know this, Timothy, that in the last days there will be very difficult times. As the end approaches, people are going to be self-absorbed, money-hungry, self-promoting, stuck-up, profane, contemptuous of parents, crude, coarse, dog-eat-dog, unbending, slanderers, impulsively wild, savage, cynical, treacherous, ruthless, bloated windbags, addicted to lust, and allergic to God. They'll make a show of religion, but behind the scenes they're animals. Stay clear of these people.

## **1. Live with a full revelation and confession of who Jesus is**

***"The most important thing in your entire existence is who you believe and say Jesus is!"***

- **Father God, refers to Jesus as God**

*But about the Son he says, "Your throne, O God, will last for ever and ever" (vs 8)*

- **Jesus is the creator of all things**

*He also says,*

*"In the beginning, Lord, you laid the foundations of the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands. (vs10)*

- **Jesus is eternal**

*"You remain the same, and your years will never end." (vs 12)*

- **Jesus is worshipped by the angels**

*"Let all God's angels worship him." (vs 6)*

- **Jesus is seated on His throne**

*"He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven. (vs 3)*

### **1 Peter 3:22**

Now Christ has gone to heaven. He is seated in the place of honor next to God, and all the angels and authorities and powers accept his authority.

### **[Colossians 1:16-18]**

For in him (Jesus) all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy.

## **2. Stay anchored to Jesus in the Presence of God**

### **[Hebrews 6:19-20]**

We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure. It enters the inner sanctuary behind the curtain, where our forerunner, Jesus, has entered on our behalf.

## **Key Points:**

1. Live with a full revelation and confession of who Jesus is
2. Stay anchored to Jesus in the Presence of God

## **Applications for the Week:**

This week set time aside to anchor yourself in the full revelation of who Jesus is by being in God's Word and fixing your eyes on Jesus.

## **Discussion Questions:**

1. When you hear the phrase "stay the course," what comes to mind?
2. What caused believers in Hebrews to drift from the truth and "fall away"?
3. What causes "spiritual drift" in our lives? What "currents" pull us along? Why does that happen even in calm times, and what's the evidence of drifting?
4. What is the key to not falling away from the truth? (See Hebrews 12:2-3)
5. What are some practical ways to turn your eyes from looking at the things of this world to fixing your eyes on Jesus?
6. Pastor Dave said, "The most important thing in your entire existence is who you believe and say Jesus is!" How does your confession shape the trajectory of your life and eternity?
7. Who, in your life, reminds you that your "life is a vapor," and how do they make good use of their time on earth?