



**Hebrews – Jesus Shows Up  
Pastor Dave Patterson 07.16.2023**

**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 6:18-20, NLT]**

<sup>18</sup> Therefore, we who have fled to him for refuge can have great confidence as we hold to the hope that lies before us. <sup>19</sup> This hope is a strong and trustworthy anchor for our souls. It leads us through the curtain into God's inner sanctuary. <sup>20</sup> Jesus has already gone in there for us. He has become our eternal High Priest in the order of Melchizedek

**[Hebrews 5:11, NLT]**

There is much more we would like to say about this, but it is difficult to explain, especially since you are spiritually dull and don't seem to listen.

***"We need to embrace both the simplicity and complexity of scripture because of the nature of the author."***

**[Isaiah 55:9, NIV]**

“As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

**[Deuteronomy 29:29, NLT]**

“The LORD our God has secrets known to no one. We are not accountable for them, but we and our children are accountable forever for all that he has revealed to us”

***“When I don’t understand the mysteries of God, I will choose to trust His sovereignty.”***

**[Hebrews 7:1-7, NIV]**

<sup>1</sup> This Melchizedek was king of Salem and priest of God Most High. He met Abraham returning from the defeat of the kings and blessed him, <sup>2</sup> and Abraham gave him a tenth of everything. First, the name Melchizedek means “king of righteousness”; then also, “king of Salem” means “king of peace.” <sup>3</sup> Without father or mother, without genealogy, without beginning of days or end of life, resembling the Son of God, he remains a priest forever. <sup>4</sup> Just think how great he was: Even the patriarch Abraham gave him a tenth of the plunder! <sup>5</sup> Now the law requires the descendants of Levi who become priests to collect a tenth from the people—that is, from their fellow Israelites—even though they also are descended from Abraham. <sup>6</sup> This man, however, did not trace his descent from Levi, yet he collected a tenth from Abraham and blessed him who had the promises. <sup>7</sup>

And without doubt the lesser is blessed by the greater

Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the LORD God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day.

**[Genesis 3:8, NIV]**

The LORD appeared to Abram and said, “To your offspring I will give this land.” So he built an altar there to the LORD, who had appeared to him.

**[Genesis 12:7, NIV]**

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to him and said, "I am El-Shaddai—"God Almighty." Serve me faithfully and live a blameless life.

**[Genesis 17:1, NLT]**

Jacob named the place Peniel, which means "face of God", for he said, "I have seen God face to face, yet my life has been spared."

**[Genesis 32:30, NLT]**

<sup>3</sup> Our ancestors (in the wilderness) all ate the same spiritual food <sup>4</sup> and drank the same spiritual drink; for they drank from the spiritual rock that accompanied them, and that rock was Christ.

**[1 Corinthians 10:3-4, NIV]**

### **THESIS:**

When "Jesus shows up", One encounter with the power and presence of God has the capacity to change you for the rest of your life, the potential to re-write your story, redirect your destiny and change you into the person He has called and designed you to be

**Definition "Jesus show up" =Jesus revealing His power and presence in a personal and life changing way.**

### **Jesus Shows Up**

#### **1. When we are in diligent and relentless pursuit of Him**

**[Jeremiah 29:12-13, NIV]**

<sup>12</sup> Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. <sup>13</sup> You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. I will be found by you," declares the **LORD**,

### **[Daniel 10:4-12, NIV]**

<sup>4</sup> On the twenty-fourth day of the first month, as I was standing on the bank of the great river, the Tigris, <sup>5</sup> I looked up and there before me was a man dressed in linen, with a belt of fine gold from Uphaz around his waist. <sup>6</sup> His body was like topaz, his face like lightning, his eyes like flaming torches, his arms and legs like the gleam of burnished bronze, and his voice like the sound of a multitude. <sup>7</sup> I, Daniel, was the only one who saw the vision; those who were with me did not see it, but such terror overwhelmed them that they fled and hid themselves. <sup>8</sup> So I was left alone, gazing at this great vision; I had no strength left, my face turned deathly pale and I was helpless. <sup>9</sup> Then I heard him speaking, and as I listened to him, I fell into a deep sleep, my face to the ground. <sup>10</sup> A hand touched me and set me trembling on my hands and knees. <sup>11</sup> He said, "Daniel, you who are highly esteemed, consider carefully the words I am about to speak to you, and stand up, for I have now been sent to you." And when he said this to me, I stood up trembling. <sup>12</sup> Then he continued, "Do not be afraid, Daniel. Since the first day that you set your mind to gain understanding and to humble yourself before your God, your words were heard, and I have come in response to them.

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**2. When you stand for the truth of His Word (no matter what) in a culture that has bowed to idols**

### **[Daniel 3:24-26, NIV]**

<sup>24</sup> Then King Nebuchadnezzar leaped to his feet in amazement and asked his advisers, "Weren't there three men that we tied up and threw into the fire?" They replied, "Certainly, Your Majesty." <sup>25</sup> He said, "Look! I see four men walking around in the fire, unbound and unharmed, and the fourth looks like a son of the gods." <sup>26</sup> Nebuchadnezzar then approached the opening of the blazing furnace and shouted, "Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, servants of the Most High God, come out! Come here!" So Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego came out of the fire

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**3. When you are wrestling with the "higher call of God" that is yet to be revealed in your life**

## **Key Points:**

### ***Jesus Shows Up***

1. When we are in diligent and relentless pursuit of Him
2. When you stand for the truth of His Word (no matter what) in a culture that has bowed to idols
3. When you are wrestling with the "higher call of God" that is yet to be revealed in your life

## **Applications for the Week:**

God has given us a promise that when we seek Him with ALL our hearts, He will be found. This week, experience this personal promise by reading your Bible, seek Him in times of prayer and worship and be expectant that He will meet with you.

## **Discussion Questions:**

1. Has there ever been a time in your life when a friend or family member showed up to your home unexpectedly. How did that adjust your activity or day?
2. Why is it important to take action on the teaching we receive from the Bible?
3. How does the discipline of seeking God daily impact your encounter with Him? (See Jeremiah 29:12-13).
4. Pastor Dave said, "When we don't understand the mysteries of God, we need to choose to trust His sovereignty." Why is the Bible important to trusting God?
5. How does God's Word reveal His character?
6. Briefly share a time when you experienced when Jesus showed up unexpectedly. What happened in that encounter?
7. Are you going after the "Higher call of God" that is yet to be revealed in your life? What next steps do you need to take to continue in the "High call of God for your life?"