



## Growth Group Discussion Guide

*Passage: Hebrews 2:5-13*

**Introduction:** Consider a time when a family member went through a season of hardship. How did you respond to them in their time of need?

**Overview:** In this passage the author of Hebrews seeks to address the doubts and questions of persecuted Jewish Christians. “If Jesus is really the divine Son of God and universal King, why are we suffering?”. In response, the author retells the story of humanity and reminds us of the hope of our restoration promised in Christ alone.



### Into the Word

In verses 5-7 the author of Hebrews retells the story of man’s creation by reflecting on Psalm 8. *Compare Genesis 1:26-28.* In what ways do humans uniquely reflect God’s character or rule over God’s creation?

**Resource: Imago Dei**

Verse 8 concludes by reflecting on mankind’s fall from glory into a state of sin and misery. Where in our world, lives, or relationships do we experience brokenness? Consider: Romans 8:20-23

In verse 10 Jesus is called the “founder” of our salvation. According to verses 9-10, why did the Son of God become truly man?

Note: The word “founder” could also be translated pioneer or representative.



### Into the Heart

Tim Keller once wrote “ The gospel is this: We are more sinful and flawed in ourselves than we ever dared believe, yet at the very same time we are more loved and accepted in Jesus Christ than we ever dared hope.”

How can God use our suffering to deepen our experience of the Gospel?

**Resource: Jesus, Our True Brother**



### Into the World

What is the relationship between man being made in God’s image and the idea of human rights? Discuss.

**Resource: The Christian Roots of Human Rights**

How can we follow Jesus when we encounter needs and brokenness around us?