Study Guide



GROUPS

Hebrews 2:14-18

Main Idea

Jesus has defeated death itself, the fear of death, judgment after death, and every temptation that leads us to death.

Overview

I. Jesus defeated death itself (v. 14)

II. Jesus defeated the fear of death (v. 15-16)

III. Jesus defeated judgment after death (v. 17)

IV. Jesus defeats temptations that lead to death - that is, the desertion of the faith (v. 18)

Questions

Discussion Starter: What do you think of the statement, "Most people spend their lives trying to avoid death?" What are some ways we, and our culture, seek to avoid and/or delay death?

- 1. Read Hebrews 2:14-19. What does the statement "he partook of the same things" mean? Why is this truth startling?
- 2. Why is a bodily incarnation of Christ important for our faith?
- 3. How does the death of Christ destroy "the one who has the power of death?"
- 4. Verse 14 says the devil has power of death. Based on this, some people attribute death and calamity to the Devil. Is that true? How should we view the Devil's role in the physical death of people?
- 5. "Death is not merely a future in the future that awaits us, but often it's a fear that controls us now." Would you agree or disagree? Why are we often afraid of death?
- 6. What did Christ, as High Priest, do for the believer concerning death?
- 7. What's the significance of pointing out that Jesus is a "merciful" high priest?
- 8. What's the significance of pointing out that Jesus is a "faithful" high priest?
- 9. What comfort does verse 18 bring you in your walk with Christ and your witness to the world?

Discussion Starter: Is there a particular fear that you are struggling with? How does this passage address that fear?