



Hebrews 1:1-3 : Keep listening

This week at MRC we began a new series in the book of Hebrews from v1-3.

We began by getting to grips with some of what was going on as Hebrews was written.

These Christians used to be keen (Hebrews 10v32-35), loving in a costly way and even suffering for the message of Jesus, but now (2v1) they are in danger of drifting away. It seems they have had their vision of Jesus shrunk down as they are tempted back to Old Testament Judaistic practices.

Here are some questions from v1-3:

- What do we learn about God's communication with his creation in these verses? Why does this matter?
- List and unpack the different ways Jesus is described in these verses. Put them into your own words.
- How do we practically apply them to each day?
- Where might we be tempted to drift? How do we practically shrink Jesus down? How good are we at listening to God's word?

Some Junior church thoughts

(different ages will be able to cope with different amounts)

- This was a long letter for Christians, some of whom had forgotten how amazing Jesus is and were beginning to drift away.
- In our first 3 verses there are 3 key teaching points that could be helpful:
 1. our God speaks. From the very start of the bible God speaks to his creation with his powerful word. He is a speaking God.
 2. before Jesus God spoke to the prophets - who would then speak to God's people and tell them what he was saying. They were waiting for Jesus. Could there be an exercise here to consider different prophets and how they prepared us for Jesus? eg Daniel 9:24-27, Deuteronomy 18:15, Ezekiel 37:24, 25-27, Hosea 11:1, Isaiah 7:14, Isaiah 52-53 etc
 3. now God has spoken to us finally in Jesus. This is the message we've been waiting for.
 - Jesus is even better than they realised:
 1. He's the heir, the creator and the sustainer.
 2. He shows us exactly what God is like
 3. He's given us purification for our sins and his job o