

# SERMON APPLICATION GUIDE

## *The Supremacy of Jesus & The Authority of the Word*

### Hebrews 1:1-3

**Ice Breaker:** Growing up, were you a child that was generally submissive to authority or someone who generally resisted authority?

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. Looking at the world, what do people hold as authoritative in their lives? Is there a person, institution or set of guiding principles people share as absolutely authoritative? Explain your answer.
2. Read 2 Timothy 3:16-17, Matt. 5:17-19, 1 Peter 1:24-25 & 2 Peter 1:16-21. How does this small sampling of verses help lead Christians to see the Scriptures as authoritative?
3. Why is it necessary to have an authority that comes from outside ourselves? What are the dangers in having our own feelings and intuitions as authoritative in our lives? How do we fight to keep the Scriptures as our final word on matters of life and godliness?
4. Read Hebrews 1:1-4 & Colossians 1:15-20. What do these passages say about the supremacy of Jesus? Why is Jesus worthy of all our praise and worship?
5. What are some things that compete for our affections and worship throughout our lives? What happens when we devote ourselves to things other than Christ?
6. **Application:** What are some practical ways our church seeks to uphold both these core values in our worship services and ministries? What does it look like for each church member to live out these core values in our community?

### Suggested Resources on Authority of the Word & Supremacy of Jesus

- *Taking God At His Word* by Kevin DeYoung
- *Why Trust the Bible* by Greg Gilbert
- *Rejoicing in Christ* by Michael Reeves