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## We Are: Christ-centred

**Big Idea:** Our longing and prayer at Kamloops Alliance is to be a Christ-centered community that elevates and promotes the message, ministry, and mission of our King.

**Overview:** This series launches with reflection on Hebrews 1:1-3. This text demonstrates that Jesus is the one who unites us as a community of faith. This passage reveals that while God previously spoke through prophets, He now communicates fully through His Son, who embodies His glory and sustains all things. He is shown as prophet, priest and king for all of us. Guided by the Alliance Canada's vision prayer—"O God, with all our hearts, we long for You. Come, transform us to be Christ-centred, Spirit-empowered, Mission-focused people, multiplying disciples everywhere"—we are called to deepen our Christ-centered focus and embrace our mission. Through this series, we seek to embody this vision by recognizing Christ's central role in our unity and purpose.

## **Life Group Objectives:**

Remember why you exist as a group! Life Groups are to:

- 1. Reflect on this past week's message and passage or dig into the series you are going through as a group. We desire for you to have the Bible play a key role in your time together.
- 2. Pray together and provide encouragement for other group members. How can you build one another up this week?

#### **Conversation starters:**

- o Welcome back! What was a highlight of your summer?
- What are you looking forward to in the next few months?
- o What is your hope for this Life Group? How do you plan on investing to make this group all that it can be?

## Learning from God's Word: Bible Study Discussion

Read Scripture: Hebrews 1:1-3

## **Questions for Discussion:**

- 1. Jesus as Prophet the last Word vs. 1
- How does Hebrews 1:1-3 describe the shift from how God communicated in the past to how He communicates now? Why is this shift significant for our understanding of Christ?
- How have you experienced God's communication (words or revelation) in your life?
- What are some of the ways God communicates with us today?

### 2. Jesus as Priest - cleansing of sin vs. 3

- What does this term "purification of sins" mean? How does this concept of purification impact your understanding of Jesus' work on the cross?
- What does "sin" mean? Pastor Chris outlined a few definitions. How does this inform your understanding of lesus?
- Can you share a time where you felt purified, or cleansed from your sin? How did experiencing this affect your relationship with God and with others?
- What practical changes might you consider making in your life to reflect the freedom and newness that comes from purification and cleansing?

## 3. Jesus as King - exalted as Lord vs. 3

- What does the imagery of Jesus sitting at the right hand of the Majesty (God) signify?
- What does Jesus sitting down teach us about our efforts in seeking forgiveness?

#### 4. What does this mean for KAC?

- What makes KAC unique in that we are Christ-centred?
- What does it mean that this life group is Christ-centred?

## Listening to God:

- o How has God been present in our discussion so far? What themes have emerged?
- o Brainstorm how your life group can be more than just a conversational prayer group, and a group that is committed to justice and righteousness.

# **Prayer Prompts and Application:**

Feel free to lead your group through the Alliance Vision Prayer:

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For more, you can Journey through the Alliance Vision Prayer devotional here.