

Going deeper

Hebrews is a long letter that shows us how Jesus fulfils the Old Testament hope by offering a better way. Jesus is a better High Priest who offers a better sacrifice. Chapter 1 shows us that Jesus is superior to the angels, who were understood to have revealed the Old Testament Law to Moses. In chapter 2, we are told, that by suffering death as a human he became our brother and the author of our salvation. Now, in this section, we are shown how Jesus is superior to Moses in building a 'house'.

Read Hebrews 3:1-6

5. How does verse 1 describe Christians and how are we said to relate to Jesus?
6. What does 'God's house' refer to in verse 2,5? (cf. Number 12:6-8) In what way was Moses 'faithful'?
7. Why is Jesus worthy of more honour than Moses? (cf. 2:11)
8. What does 'God's house' refer to in verse 6?
9. How does it change our attitude to church when we see it as being 'built by God'?

Now do the applying it to our lives questions...

GROWTH TEAMS



**Week Beginning
Sunday 11th March 2018**

Growth Team News

This week we take a break from our Lenten theme of P.O.P. church to focus on a passage linked with Mothering Sunday, Psalm 127. Yet, as the church is often seen as the 'family of God' (Heb. 10:21) or more literally, the 'house of God' we can also apply this Psalm which talks about building a 'house' to the work of building the 'church'.



**Growing in Christ
to glorify God
and enjoy Him forever.**

Psalm 127 (page 624)

Space to take notes on the talk

Nil Sine Labor = _____

Nisi Dominus Frustra = _____

What is the best motto for life?

❖ For _____

❖ For _____

❖ For _____

Starter question

- ❖ What is your favourite motto (not including the ones in the talk, Latin or otherwise)?

Responding to the talk

1. What part of this week's talk did you find most helpful?
2. Read Psalm 127:1-2
 - a. How do these verses challenge the view that success is wholly due to our own efforts?
 - b. Why is working overtime not the answer to poverty?
 - c. How does trusting God to help us, enable us to sleep?
3. Read Psalm 127:3-5
 - a. How might these verses change our attitudes to children?
 - b. Why would having lots of children help you when it came to disputes (at the time the Psalm was written)?
 - c. What advantages are there to having children today?
4. Read Hebrews 2:10-12
 - a. How do these verses describe the church? (Note: the Greek word translated 'congregation' or 'assembly' in verse 12 is often translated 'church').
 - b. How might we re-apply Psalm 127:3-5 to our life as a church?
 - c. How does God bless the church with new sons and daughters?

You may like to do the 'Going Deeper' questions over the page.

Applying it to our lives

10. If we need God to do the building and watching, how should we balance our prayer/church life with our work life?
11. Someone says, "I've worked my socks off, but I still can't achieve what I think I should." What does Psalm 127 say to such a person?