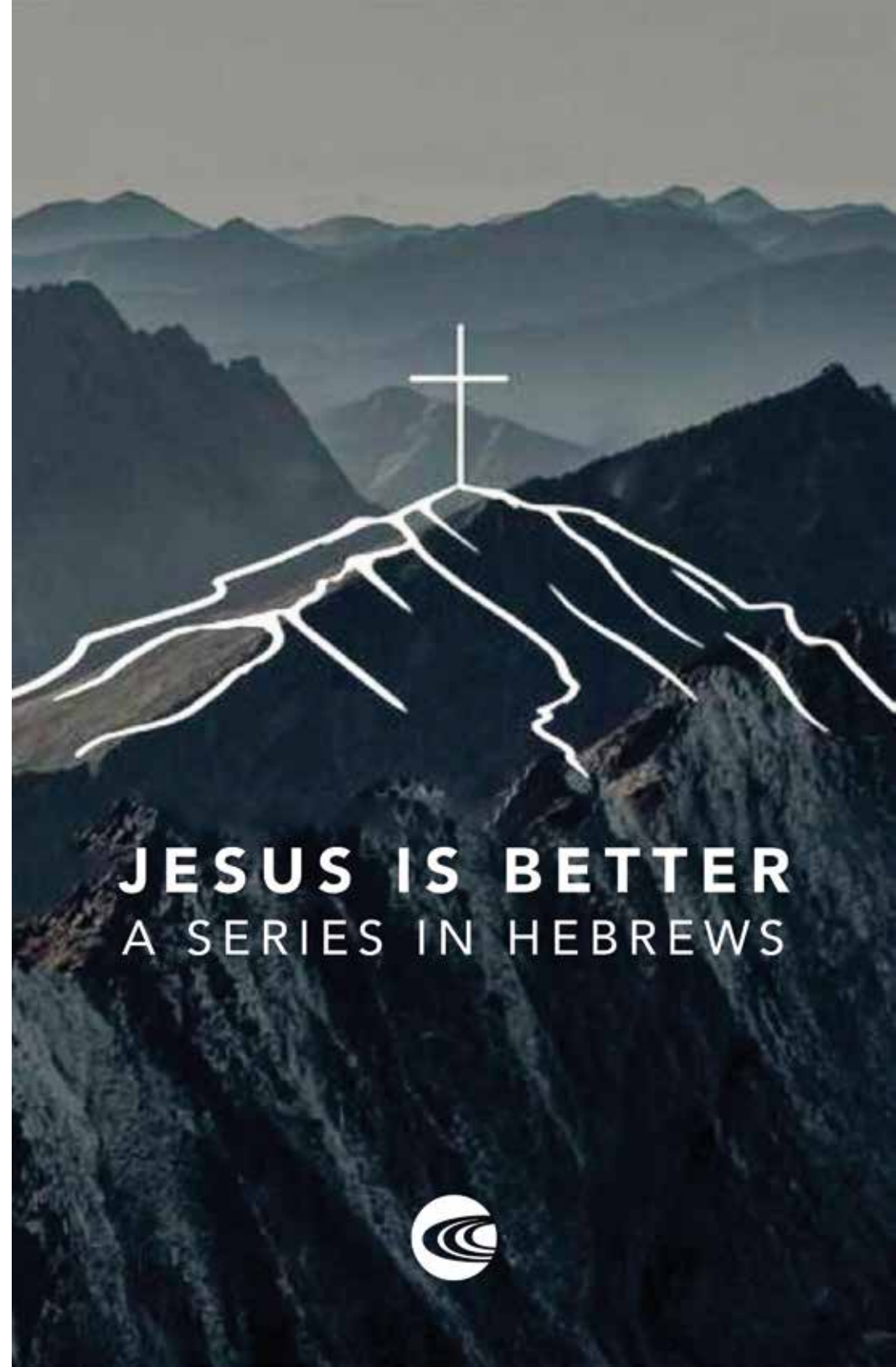


*Sermon Notes*



**JESUS IS BETTER**  
A SERIES IN HEBREWS



Today's Scripture November 3, 2024

**PASSAGE:** Hebrews 13:7-19, Leadership Through Jesus is Better

**TEACHER:** Kirk Crager, Lead Pastor

Bulletin Updates

**REMEMBRANCE STONE VIDEOS**

We're working on a new project to sit down with saints from this church and discuss their walk with Christ. Many of you have amazing testimonies and stories from your years of walking with Jesus, and we want to capture them on video for future generations. If you are interested, please reach out to Kirk or you can, of course, fill out our form too!



**LEADERSHIP PIPELINE SIGN-UP**

If you are interested in joining the next Leadership Pipeline cohort, please complete this quick form so we can keep you up-to-date.

A new cohort begins in January for believers who want to grow in their walk with Christ and in their abilities to lead/serve their ministries.



If you are interested in someday becoming an elder or a deacon, you must complete this program as well.

**MERCY BOXES REGISTRY**

Boxes are available in the main entryway if you would like to pick one up. Boxes going to Peru will need to be registered to ship using the QR code inside it, and you can use the envelope inside to cover the \$15 shipping cost. Please return boxes here by November 10.

**SAVE THE DATE FOR FALL GROUNDS CLEAN-UP**

Mark your calendars for our annual fall grounds cleanup on Saturday, November 16 from 9 A.M. - 12 P.M. Please bring your families, rakes, and gloves. Chili lunch will be provided.

**SAVE THE DATE FOR CHURCH FAMILY CAMP 2025**

Join in community at Ponderosa State Park July 17-20, 2025! Family-friendly group sessions begin Thursday evening and wrap up Sunday early evening with plenty of recreational time and opportunities to connect informally with others. Campsite reservation details are coming soon. Email or call Gloria Middleton with questions at egmiddleton@juno.com / 208-880-5536.

**GLOBAL PRAYER CALENDARS**

November calendars are available for our global outreach workers in the back of the auditorium.

*Financial Update*

as of October 29, 2024

This Week's Giving	\$4,608
YTD Spending	\$435,788
YTD Giving	\$418,522

Give online at [coleccommunity.churchcenter.com/giving](http://coleccommunity.churchcenter.com/giving)

**LEGACY TO GATHER NOV.**

Save the date for our Legacy monthly gathering on Monday, November 11 at 11 A.M. in the Fireside Room for worship, study, and lunch.



**'COMMUNITY LIFE WEDNESDAY NIGHT' THIS WEEK**

Wednesday, October 30 will be a potluck meal. Please use your phone's camera or the link within the Church Center Group to sign up for something to bring.

Please RSVP in the Church Center app so we have estimates for kids and an estimate on how many people to prep for by going to your Church Center app / Groups / Wednesday Night Community Life / Select the Date / RSVP).

**CHURCH CENTER DIRECTORY**

We're launching a directory within the Church Center app for regular attenders. If you call Cole Community your home church, watch for an email invitation in your email inbox today after church. Stop by the table in the back to take your picture as well.

**Q+A: SUBMIT YOUR QUESTIONS**

Submit your questions each week using Slido, a question submission tool designed for audience participation and engagement. Check out questions along with their answers on our website at [coleccommunity.org/q-and-a](http://coleccommunity.org/q-and-a).



*A Note From The Pastor*

Dear church family,

Today in our sermon we are talking about Leadership. In God's providence this week, as Americans, we will have an election for both local and national leaders. There is a spectrum of convictions about political involvement in the broader church. Some will not vote as a matter of conscience, and others will advocate strongly for a political vision of what they think is best for our country. The majority seem to want to exercise their civic rights quietly and make a contribution to the decisions being made about who our leaders will be. These things matter of course. But, what matters more to me as a pastor is "how" we engage in this season. In the context of some heated Christian debate in the 1st century about what was best for Christians in expressing their allegiance to Jesus over idols, the apostle Paul wrote, "So do not let what you regard as good be spoken of as evil. For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking but of righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. Whoever thus serves Christ is acceptable to God and approved by men. So then let us pursue what makes for peace and for mutual upbuilding." (Romans 14:16-19 - ESV). My prayer is that this attitude will prevail in our in person (and even online) discussions in this election season. By all means we should engage and even have strong convictions, but not to the sidelining of the core principles of the kingdom of God. So, this week as you pray for your leaders, follow your conscience, and engage in this election cycle, I encourage you to do what you do by faith - in the words of Paul again: "The faith that you have, keep between yourself and God. Blessed is the one who has no reason to pass judgment on himself for what he approves... For whatever does not proceed from faith is sin." (Romans 14:22-23 ESV)

*-Kirk Crager*