OBSERVATION -- As a group, talk through and summarize the passage. Think through *Who, What, Where, When, How, Why* questions together.

INTERPRETATION -- Answer these questions together:

1. What does this passage teach us about us?

a) In Hebrews 2 the preacher quotes Psalm 8, which speaks of both the insignificance of man (what is man that you are mindful of him), and the glory of man (you have crowned him with glory and honor). Go through Hebrews 2:5-18 together and observe both the insignificance and neediness of man and the glory and honor of man. What might we learn about ourselves from this exercise?

2. What does this passage teach us about God?

a) The preacher refers to Jesus as the Son of Man (v.6). Read Daniel 7:13-14 together. What is the redemptive plan of God according to this passage? How does Jesus fulfill Daniel 7:13-14?

3. What does this passage teach us about grace/salvation? How does it point to Christ?

a) The author of Hebrews 2 is trying to prove the humanity of Christ. How does he go about proving Christ's humanity in this passage? Which of his arguments stand out to you? Confuse you?

b) Why did Jesus have to be human in order to be our king (v.5-9)? Our savior (v.14-15)? Our priest (v.17-18)?

APPLICATION

a) V. 18 tells us that Jesus is our help in times of temptation. We listed five ways that this is true:

- 1. As the founder/pioneer of our salvation, he gives us all that is his (v.10).
- 2. He reminds us that he is never ashamed of us (v.11).
- 3. He uses everything as part of our sanctification (v.11).
- 4. He removes our fear of death (v.14-15).
- 5. He is our merciful and faithful High Priest (v.17).

Which of these encourages you the most? Which one do you need to trust more? How might you apply one (or more) of these to a specific temptation you face?

PRAYER

- Praise God for sending his Son, the Son of Man, to reign over creation.
- Confess ways you have failed to run to Christ as your great high priest.
- Thank Jesus for humbling himself and becoming a human so that he can mediate for us, care for us, and sympathize with us.
- Ask the Holy Spirit to help you to accept the help of Christ, our brother, king, and priest.