

Sermon Based Small Group Guide

January 13, 2019 sermon:

***Hebrews: Jesus is greater- For those who ponder angels***

**Warm up:** (15-20 minutes)

Questions for discussion:

1.) Is this the first time your small group has met in the New Year? Take a moment to share some of your hopes, goals and dreams for 2019. Any way your friends in this group can help or support you in these?

2.) We just finished the Christmas season and in those passages angels have an important role. Remember and share the different places in the Christmas story where angels show up and have a "speaking part". What do angels DO in Scripture?

**Digging deeper:** (20-30 minutes)

1. The whole theme of Hebrews is given in the first 3 verses of chapter 1.

Re-read Hebrews 1:1-3 together and point out all the statements in those verses that Jesus is truly God and greater than anyone or anything else.

2. Hebrews is one of the New Testament books known for being difficult to understand at points. It includes dozens of Old Testament references, assumes an understanding of the Levitical Law, and teaches some hard, complicated truths. For those reasons, some people LOVE Hebrews and some AVOID it.

With that love/avoid tendency in mind, discuss together:

How Bible study can be spiritually dangerous if we...

...focus on the unclear instead of the crystal clear.

1 Timothy 1:3-7 Luke 18:16

...our knowledge becomes a source of pride.

1 Corinthians 8:1

...our knowledge becomes a source of division.

1 Corinthians 11:17-19 Matthew 22:36-40 & 1 Corinthians 13:1-8

How Bible study and doctrine are still incredibly important because...

...without them, we would have no foundation and no boundaries.

2 Timothy 3:16-17 Proverbs 29:18 & Judges 17:6

**Application:** (5-10 minutes) Think about your life and even our church. The message of Hebrews makes Jesus "central to" and "more important than" anything and everything else. How are YOU and how are WE doing in this Christ-centered focus?