

Growth Group Discussion Guide

Passage: Hebrews 1:3b-14

Overview: In this section of Hebrews the author demonstrates the superiority of Jesus over the angels in order to encourage the readers to listen to the message of Jesus and not return to the Law of Moses, which was delivered by angels (see Acts 7:38, 53; Galatians 3:19; Hebrews 2:2).



Into the Word

What significant role do angels play in the lives of God's people?
Consider: Verse 14; Psalm 34:7; Psalm 94:11; Psalm 103:20-21

Resource: Angels and Demons (4 minute read)

Book recommendation: Satan Cast Out: A Study in Biblical Demonology

What does the author's use of the Old Testament to prove the superiority of Jesus to angels say about the Old Testament?

Consider: Luke 24:35-37; 2 Timothy 3:16-17

In verse 13 we're told that Jesus is seated at God's right hand. What does that posture, and location communicate about God's purposes in the life, death, and resurrection of Christ?



Into the Heart

The author demonstrates from the Old Testament that Jesus is superior to the angels because he has a better name ("Son of God" – vv.4-5); is worshipped by the angels (v.6); rules the angels and sends them to do his will (vv.7-9 and 13-14); and because he made the angels (vv.10-12). Against what challenges in your life do these truths stand to strengthen your faith in Christ? How do they strengthen your faith in him?



Into the World

Discuss some of the lies the world tells us? Where has belief in these lies led? How does the reality of who Jesus is bring hope to those who believe?

Resource: Apologetics in an Age of Despair