

Growth Group Discussion Guide

Passage: Hebrews 2:1-4

Introduction: Who do you consider trustworthy? How did they earn your trust?

Overview: In this passage the author of Hebrews explores the real danger of apostasy. Apostasy occurs when we drift away from God's message of salvation in Christ alone and anchor our lives in other things. Ultimately, this passage exhorts us to pay close attention to the message about Christ and remember the good reasons to believe it.



In verse 1 the author identifies "drifting away" as the primary danger facing the Jewish Christians. Based on our study of Hebrews so far, what were they were drifting toward? Note: Hebrews focuses on Jesus as the fulfillment of everything in the Old Testament.

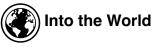
The author argues that the message of Christ alone is trustworthy and reliable. According verses 2-4 what proofs has God given us? Compare: Acts 2:1-36 **Resource: Can You Trust the Gospels?**

Read Matthew 22:1-6. According to Jesus' parable what might drifting away look like? Note: The word translated "paid no attention" is the same word as "neglect" in verse 3.



Read John 20:24-29. How does Jesus respond to doubt? How might Jesus' response to your doubt change how you experience doubt?

Is there a difference between having doubts and drifting away? How are they related? Consider: Jude 17-23 *Resource: Why We Should Not Redeem 'Deconstruction'*



Our culture is full of spiritual rip currents that threaten to pull us away from Christ. What issues seem to have the strongest pull? How have these issues affected you or someone you love?

How does this passage equip us to engage with cultural issues and help those who are in danger of drifting away? *Resource: 4 Causes of Deconstruction*