

WONDER

CHRISTMAS AT WOODSIDE BIBLE

DISCUSSION GUIDE

DISCUSSION GOAL

To “wonder” at Jesus Christ as greater than the angels. To discuss how our lives should be impacted by the greatness of Jesus.

ICE BREAKER

What is your favorite Christmas tradition, and have you participated in it yet this year?”

TEXT

Have a member of your group read the passage aloud.

Hebrews 1:5-14

For to which of the angels did God ever say,
“You are my Son,
today I have begotten you”?

Or again,

“I will be to him a father,
and he shall be to me a son”?

⁶ And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says,

“Let all God's angels worship him.”

⁷ Of the angels he says,

“He makes his angels winds,
and his ministers a flame of fire.”

(Turn to Hebrews 1 in an ESV Bible to continue reading verses 8-14)

MESSAGE OUTLINE

This is what our pastoral team observed about the passage.

Big Idea: Wonder at the greatness of God's Son.

Key Question: How do we know the Son of God is greater than the angels?

1. Because of his sonship. (vv. 5-6)
2. Because of his status. (v. 7-9)
3. Because of his sovereignty. (vv. 10-14)

DISCUSSION

- This week's passage highlights the greatness of Jesus, specifically how he is greater than the angels. Why do you think the author of Hebrews uses angels in his comparison? How does this comparison emphasize Jesus' greatness?
- In verses 5 and 6, Jesus is said to be greater than the angels because He is the Son of God. What difference does it make in your daily discipleship that Jesus is not just a messenger from God (like the angels) but the unique Son of God?
- Jesus' relationship to God as His Son gives Him authority over God's entire kingdom, including the angels (vv. 7-9). What are some "messengers," "signs," or "phenomena" that people today treat as authoritative—sometimes even more authoritative than Jesus? In what ways have you been drawn to give these other things authority in your life?
- Verses 10-13 highlight the eternal sovereignty (supreme governing power) God has given to Jesus. In what ways does acknowledging His sovereignty give you hope when facing challenges? How does knowing God is sovereign change your outlook when you are experiencing hardship?
- Reread verse 14. If angels are "ministering spirits" sent to serve believers, what does that tell you about your identity and about Christ's glory?

LIFE APPLICATION

How often do you wonder at the greatness of Jesus, the very son of God? He alone has been given authority over the Kingdom of God. Think about what it would look like for Jesus to be in His rightful place of authority over your life. As a group come up with some specific action steps you can take towards making your thoughts a reality.

Jot your ideas below and send a picture to your group to remind everyone of your action steps this week.

PRAYER REQUESTS


