

WONDER

CHRISTMAS AT WOODSIDE BIBLE

DISCUSSION GUIDE

DISCUSSION GOAL

To “wonder” (to really stop and look) at the salvation of God, in our lives, brought through Jesus Christ.

ICE BREAKER

Have you ever had a moment in life when something so extraordinary was right in front of you, yet you grew strangely numb to it over time? Think of vacation spots, the birth of a child, an amazing song, etc.

TEXT

Have a member of your group read the passage aloud.

Hebrews 2:1-4

“Therefore we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it. ²For since the message declared by angels proved to be reliable, and every transgression or disobedience received a just retribution, ³how shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation? It was declared at first by the Lord, and it was attested to us by those who heard, ⁴while God also bore witness by signs and wonders and various miracles and by gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to his will.”

MESSAGE OUTLINE

This is what our pastoral team observed about the passage.

Big Idea: Wonder at the salvation of God.

Key Question: Why wonder at God's salvation?

1. It brings God's deliverance. (vv. 1-3a)
2. It bears God's declaration. (vv. 3b-4)

DISCUSSION

- Hebrews 2:1 opens with the word “therefore,” signifying a continuation of thought or concept. Whenever we see the word “therefore” in Scripture, a good practice to use is to ask, “what is that there for?” Can you see how all of chapter 1 is so important for the first few verses of chapter 2? Have everyone in the group offer a reason or two.
- Verse 1 continues by speaking imperatively to the original audience. In your life, what habits help you “pay much closer attention” to the gospel, and which habits might tend to dull your attention possibly leading to spiritual drift?
- It is important to note that the author doesn’t warn against rejection in this passage, rather the warning is against “neglect” when referring to “such a great salvation.” Are you able to discern the difference between rejecting and neglecting the Gospel in your life? Can you see how it affects everything?
- Verses 3-4 display that the Gospel is not simply “advice,” rather it is God’s own declaration of reality. How does that truth shape our desire and willingness to share the Gospel with others?
- What would it look like for you this week to intentionally rekindle awe at the salvation of God?

LIFE APPLICATION

In a world wrought with opinion, the salvation of God, displayed through the Gospel is objective truth. Perhaps even that statement causes some internal wrestling. Take some time as a group to try to sort through some of the prevailing opinions surrounding your lives, then combat those opinions with the loving truth of the Gospel. Depending on your group’s dynamics and schedule (this might be the last meeting of the year), it might be fitting to challenge everyone to commit to living out Gospel truth, likely in opposition to popular opinion in one area of their life (write it down!) over the next few weeks.

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

PRAYER REQUESTS


