



SERMON GUIDE

GREATER THAN OUR "ANGELS"

Hebrews 1:3b-2:4 | Pastor Tim Prince

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Conversation Questions

The Conversation Guide is a great tool for individuals, families, discipleship groups and Missional Communities to take a deeper, more personal dive into the content of the current sermon series. The Conversation Guide will be posted by every Friday on the 'live' page of our website and in our weekly newsletter. We encourage you to use it this week on your own, around your dinner tables, over coffee with your friends or in your faith groups!

The Conversation Guide is built on the SOAP model, which is a tool you can use when reading the Bible. SOAP helps you be intentional about paying attention to:

- S**cripture that stands out to you while you read
- O**bservations you are making about a passage
- A**pplications that connect the verses to your real life and relationships
- P**rayers that invite God to participate in all that you do

Getting to Know Me: Have you or someone you've known experienced what they thought might be the presence of an angel in their life? What is the story?

Note About the Passage: The worship of angels was common in the ancient world. Even some Jews revered angels to the point of worship. In the Bible, angels are truly awesome and magnificent creatures. There's a reason people worship them. Based on Deuteronomy 33:2, it was believed that a host of angels was present with God on Mount Sinai when God gave Moses the law (this is likely what is being referred to as "the message declared by angels in Hebrews 2:4).

Read Hebrews 1:3b-2:4

S: What verses, phrases, words, or feelings stand out to you as you read this text? Is anything "illuminated," surprising, or jumping off the page and affecting your spirit?

O: In Hebrews 1:5-14, how are angels and Jesus distinguished from each other?

O: What might make worshipping angels more attractive than following Jesus?

O: Why is important, according to Hebrews 2:1-4, to pay much closer attention to the message of the gospel of Jesus ("what we have heard") than the message of God's law and covenant with Israel (the message declared by angels)?

A: You may not be tempted to worship or venerate angels (maybe you are!), but all of us are tempted to be unimpressed by Jesus, and more impressed by other things.

*What other messages or messengers do you sometimes find more compelling than Jesus?

*What is so attractive about them right now?

*What do they promise that you feel you need right now?

A: If God had written this passage just for you, what words, phrases or ideas would he have underlined specifically for you? What did you need to hear most? Why?

P: Talk to God about your application responses above. Ask him to speak to you, help you, forgive you, and provide direction that you need.