

# LIFE GROUP – WEEK TWO



## Jesus is Greater than the Angels

Hebrews 1:4-14

*This Winter, we are experiencing God's presence together by encountering Jesus in the Book of Hebrews. This week, we considered how having too low of a view of Jesus prevents us from experiencing the full goodness of the Gospel.*

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## GETTING STARTED

We start each week by intentionally being present to one another. If you need a little help getting the conversation going, consider starting with these questions...

### ***Ice Breaker***

What's something inconsequential that you have big feelings about? (I.e Taco Bell discontinued their nacho cheese fries)

### ***Going Deeper***

When was a time you experienced the nearness of God most clearly? Was it a time of struggle or of peace?

## DISCUSSION GUIDE

Our discipleship to Jesus is meant to be a holistic way of living, involving our whole selves - **head, heart, and hands**. While each person will likely gravitate to one of these over the others, it's important we all consider how God's love affects our minds, our hearts, and our actions.

REMINDER: These guides are meant to facilitate PRESENCE - to God and one another - not to check boxes. Feel free to let conversation naturally flow to whichever questions connect with you personally. As the Spirit leads you, feel free to set aside this guide to pause, praise, and pray together.

# HEAD

What do you know about what the Bible says about angels? (Give Bible references if you can!) how have you thought about angels in the past?

How should Christians think rightly about angels? How do you think it could benefit us to have a biblical view of angels?

What examples in Scripture can you think of that most clearly point to Jesus as fully human? What about fully God?

# HEART

Have you ever been in a situation where you realized your view of Jesus was too low? What/who helped you realize that? How did your view need to change?

Are you more likely to overemphasize Jesus' humanity or his deity? What do you lose when you emphasize one over the other?

Are there any other areas where your implicit beliefs (how you live) don't align with your explicit beliefs (statement of faith/doctrinal beliefs)?

# HANDS

Is there anyone in your life who might be feeling like the church of Hebrews - tired, struggling, potentially ready to walk away from Jesus? How does this passage equip you to minister to them?

How does this passage help you experience the presence of God in your life? How does it prepare you to have a ministry of presence?

## PRACTICE OF PRESENCE

Only Jesus is both fully God and fully man. We should not try to be anyone's savior - it will only end in disappointment and hurt (for them and for us). However, we are invited to embody a ministry of presence as followers of Jesus - to mirror his full humanity and point to his full divinity.

Who can you mirror the full humanity of Jesus to, through a ministry of presence right now? Who can you encourage by pointing them to the full divinity of Jesus? This could be someone who is enduring suffering, spiritually lost, stuck in a cycle of sin, wrestling with doubts, or struggling to understand how God is at work.

Take some time as a group to pray for these people. Consider how they might need to see Jesus more clearly, how God might be inviting you to embody a ministry of presence, and how you need God to empower you and be present with you in that calling.