

Angels • Week 1 • April 22/23, 2017

Genesis 28:10-15

Open:

- When you think of angels what comes to mind? What do they do? Look like?
- At the beginning of this series, what initial questions do you have about angels that you would love to have an answer to?
- How comfortable are you talking about angels? Why?
- When you read the following quote by Scot McKnight how do you respond? Why?

“Sleight-of-hand magic is based on the demonstrable fact that as a rule people see only what they expect to see. Angels are powerful spirits whom God sends into the world to wish us well. Since we don’t expect to see them, we don’t. An angel spreads its glittering wings over us, and we say things like, “It was one of those days that made you feel good to just be alive,” or “I don’t know where I ever found the courage.”
(From, *The Hum of Angels*)

Discuss:

Read through how Jesus interacted with angels . . .

“Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him.” — Matthew 4:11

“An angel from heaven appeared to him and strengthened him.” — Luke 22:43

“And he will send his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of the heavens to the other.” — Matthew 24:31

“See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that their angels in heaven always see the face of my Father in heaven.” — Matthew 18:10

“In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.” — Luke 15:10

- From the mentions of angels with and/or by Jesus, what especially intrigues, provokes, disturbs, challenges, encourages, warms, helps, or surprises you?
- From how Jesus spoke of and was referenced with Angels what do we learn?

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During the message, we learned angels are . . .	What does this mean to you in your own words?	What questions does this answer or generate?
Created Neh. 9:6; Psalm 148:1-5		
Spiritual Acts 5; Hebrews 1:14		
Aware 1 Peter 1:12; Rev. 14:6-7		
On Mission Luke 1:11, 27-28		

Practices for the Week to Help Become More Aware of Angels:

Through the practice of study...

- In your favorite bible program, do a search for the word *Angel* and begin to note their mention, ministry and mission.
- Keep a record of all the questions this raises and answers for you as you journey through the Scriptures.

Meditate on the reality of angels by memorizing Hebrews 13:2.

Readings that will help you learn about angels . . .

- *The Screwtape Letters*, by C.S. Lewis
- *The Hum of Angels: Listening for the Messengers of God Around Us*, by Scot McKnight