

Angels and Christians

Word

Scripture Reference

Psalm 91:11-12

Discussion Questions

1. Have you ever felt or sensed that an angel was ministering to you? Share with the group your experience.
2. In the 66 books of the Bible, more than 1/2 talk about angels and more than 300 verses speak of them. Jesus Himself talked about them. There are two extreme views about angels. The unbelieving and the worshipping views. Both views are wrong and dangerous. Angels are real, but they are not God, and therefore, cannot be worshipped. Why are angels significant beings?
 - a. What do angels do (Hebrews 1:14)?
 - b. During creation, what were the angels called and how did they react to God's work (Job 38:6-7)?
 - c. How many angels are there (Revelation 5:11)? Why did God create so many of them?
3. How do angels minister to Christians?
 - a. *Angels travel with us.* Genesis 32:1-2 talks about how the angels of God met with Jacob when he was on his way to meet his brother Esau. From your own experience, discuss how angels are used by God to lead and guide you in your life's journey?
 - b. *Angels protect and care for us (Psalms 91:11-12).* What promises does God give you in this passage that involve angels? Discuss how these promises should encourage you in your daily life.

Things you should know about angels:

- *They are smart.* God didn't create angels as robots, but as beings who are wise and capable of thinking. They do not die and so they have long experiences in their existence. Discuss how life experiences help you as you mature in life and as you serve the Lord.
 - *They are strong.* An angel was able to move the big and heavy stone that covered Jesus' tomb. An angel was able to shut the lions' mouth to spare the life of Daniel in the lion's den. Knowing how strong the angels of God, discuss how they can protect you from danger that you may face every single day.
 - *They are swift.* They can fly very fast. We don't exactly know how far is the throne of God (heaven) from earth, but the angel Gabriel appeared to announce the incarnation of Christ to Mary. Discuss how the fact that angels are swift assure you that help is quick to come when you need it.
 - *They are not gods, but created beings* (Revelation 22:8-9). What did the angel tell John when John was about to kneel down to the angel?
 - *They are not omnipotent, omniscient nor omnipresent.* Being all these things, what does it tell you about God? Does He have an equal?
 - *They are perplexed (1 Peter 1:12).* The angels did not understand why Jesus was forsaken by the Father to die on the cross. Do you feel more blessed than angels that you understand exactly why God the Father allowed His begotten Son to die for you?
- c. *Angels help in evangelism (Luke 15:10).* There is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents. They know what hell is and so they rejoice when a person is spared from it. Discuss the value of an individual and the importance of his or her salvation. Could you identify with the angels on how they rejoice when someone comes to know Jesus as his or her Savior? The angels cannot preach the

gospel. They don't know how to be saved. Only people were given the privilege to share the gospel, but angels can lead you to someone who needs to hear the gospel, just like what happened to Philip when an angel brought him to the Ethiopian Eunuch. How do you respond when God's ministering angel lead you to witness to someone who needs to be saved? Matthew 18:10 talks about the importance of children to God. Each child has his or her own guardian angel. Discuss why children are more receptive to spiritual truths than adults?

- d. *Angels at moment of death (Luke 16:22)*. In the parable of the rich man and Lazarus, what role did angels play in this story? How do you feel knowing that when your time here on earth is up, the angels will carry you to God's side?

Walk

The angels were created by God to minister to people, and to Christians in particular. The angels travel with you, protect and care for you, and although they cannot share the gospel, they can lead you to someone who needs to hear it. They are there also at the moment of death to carry a dying person to God's presence. What new things have you learned about the angels? How does the truth about angels demonstrates God's love for you?

Worship & Prayer

Heavenly Father, You are indeed amazing that even before you created the world for me to enjoy, you have first created the angels as your messengers to minister to Your people. Help me to be sensitive when You send Your angel to minister to me and to be appreciative of it. Thank you that in my life's journey, I am not alone but Your presence is with me through Your angels. In Jesus' name. Amen.