

Small Group Discussion Guide — Read Hebrews 2:1-4

- What has been your experience with people you know and love who have “fallen away” from the faith? What were the circumstances surrounding it? Did you notice it as a slow and gradual process? What were some of the “warning signs” that you saw either then or later on?
- Is it possible for those who are truly saved and converted to ever really fall away or lose their salvation? What might be some “biblical texts” (*maybe seven!* :) that we could have ready, filed away in our minds, to help us in assuring ourselves of this?
- Joshua mentioned various ways in which these warning passages are understood by Christians today. Were you able to understand each one? How might these be helpful in seeking to understand the purpose of these warnings in the book of Hebrews?
- How is the author of Hebrews trying to guard these struggling, suffering Christians from “drifting away”? How does the warning given in vs. 1, and then the motivation to heed that warning, found in vs. 2-4, work together?
- How are 2:1-4 the continuation and conclusion of the argument that began back in 1:4-14? Why does the author want us to know that Jesus is superior to angels? What was the message that was delivered by angels? What is the message delivered then by Christ? What is the outcome if we neglect this message of “great salvation”?
- What might be some “warning signs” of drifting? How could we guard ourselves, and one another, from this very real danger? What are the means of grace God has given us to avoid drifting and how do these work to keep us persevering in faith?
- How can we pay careful attention to what we have heard and not neglect our great salvation?
- Where do you see that YOU are prone to drift? How can we pray for one another in light of this passage?