

Small Group Discussion Guide (4.7.24) — Read Hebrews 1:4-14

- Of the “eight facets of the diamond” of Jesus Christ that we saw last week, in Hebrews 1:1-3, which were most insightful for you? Which one(s) led you to a deeper understanding or amazement of the person and work of Jesus Christ, and why?
- We saw this morning some of the structure of this letter (*the “contrasts” and “warning passages”*). How did this help you gain a better understanding of the overall purpose of this letter? Do remember what those two purposes were?
- While you and I may not be tempted to revert back to Judaism and the “old covenant” system, how is the book of Hebrews relevant for you and I today? How are we more like these first-century Jewish Christians than we think?
- Why does the author want to show us (vs. 4-14) that Jesus is superior to angels? How we might gain insight into the author’s purpose for doing this by looking at the warning in 2:1-4 that we will see next time?
- How is Jesus superior to angels? What do these seven OT passages in vs. 4-14 show us about the person and nature of Jesus Christ?
- Why is it so critical to see Jesus as the “focal point” of God’s redemptive revelation and the central character of the entire Bible, from Genesis to Revelation? Why is it so important to see him clearly in the Old Testament? How might “getting off” in our interpretation of the Scriptures, with Jesus at the center, be dangerous to our faith and hazardous to our spiritual growth?
- How are you seeing Jesus in your daily life? Is he BIG in your eyes? What place is he occupying? How is this vision of Christ being demonstrated in your life? Where do you need to change so that Jesus has more of a central place daily in your thoughts, heart, and mind?
- How might we challenge or encourage one another, and pray for one another, this week based on this passage?