

# **Better (Hebrews)**

# Sermon Questions | 10.26.14

## Opener

Discuss a time when you became lost or you lost something of value that was irreplaceable. How did you react and what were you feeling at the time?

#### Read

Hebrews 2:1-4 Hebrews 1 Hebrews 1:2-4 Galatians 3:19

# Engaging with God in a Group

Having read the passage and heard Pete's sermon, what was your initial response to the message?

Pete described three types of people in the ancient world and related them to today. They were Jews, Proselytes, and God-Fearers. These three types of people correspond to "mature Christians", "baby Christians", and "Almost Christians" ... those who have not crossed the line of faith in Christ. Pete taught that the warning in Hebrews 2:1 was directed towards the "God Fearers" or "Almost Christians". Why is knowing who the author is writing to critically important in this passage?

The author of Hebrews is building an argument that Christ is better or superior than the angels and Christ is superior to the law. How does he build that argument? (Refer to Hebrews 1:2-4 The message of Jesus is better than the angels, Galatians 3:19 The message of the angels was the law and Jesus is better than the law.) Rejection of a greater message (the Gospel of Christ), brings greater consequences.

Is it possible to grow up in church, attend regularly, maybe even serve in ministry and not have a personal relationship with Christ? What types of things in our culture inoculate people from hearing the gospel and crossing the line of faith in Christ alone? Our vision at Bent Tree is to "See to it that no one misses the grace of God". Take a moment to consider people in your own life that might be interested in living a moral upstanding life, but have not placed their faith in Christ for their salvation. Break up into groups of two or three and pray for those individuals who come to mind.

# Engaging with God Alone

Take time during the week to consider people in your own life that might be interested in living a moral upstanding life, but have not placed their faith in Christ for their salvation.

## Closing thoughts and prayer

If you have a desire to know more about the good news of Jesus Christ, please watch the gospel online by clicking <u>here</u> or contact your community pastor at (972) 306-4477.