



Hebrews 2

The warning: drifting from Jesus - v1-4

In chapter 1 we saw how Jesus is superior to angels. The author still hasn't finished considering angels in chapter 2. They are referred to a further three times in vs 2, 5 & 16

Perhaps, with reference to Deut 33:1-2, how does considering angels support the warning we find here in these verses?

What reasons are we given to pay close attention to Jesus?

Why do we need to pay attention to Jesus?

If we think that the God of the Old Testament is different to the God of the New, how does this passage correct that misconception?

What steps might we need to take if we want to take this warning seriously?

The Wooing: Jesus, the ultimate human - v5-18

There is lots of depth here, themes of salvation, suffering, being in God's family, better High Priest to explore. It may be useful to focus on the big theme of Jesus's humanity and why that (the incarnation) is both necessary and good news.

What is God's glorious plan for humanity? How does Jesus fulfil Psalm 8? Why does it need fulfilment? (v8)

What does this passage teach us about the humanity of Jesus? (v14, v17)

Why is it good news that Jesus became fully human? (v9b, v10, v11, v14-15, v17 & v18)

How do the Old Testament references point to Jesus? You may need to look in a commentary to support this.

How should the reminder of the value of humanity help us to view and treat others?

How does the fear of death affect our lives? How does this passage put this into proper perspective?

How does Jesus suffering as a man help us with the struggles we face?

How is being counted as a brother or sister of Jesus encouraging?

Children groups

v1-4

You could think about how we are told to pay very close attention to Jesus in this passage and not to ignore what we hear about him. So what things do we pay attention to and why, parents, teachers, police, referees, road signs, danger signs, sport coaches etc

Perhaps explore who we listen to more about certain things, e.g. we should listen more when our mum or dad tells us to do something over our sibling or friend. Or we would listen more to a Doctor when we are sick than a well meaning zoo keeper.

The angels are very important in creation but we need to listen to Jesus more than even them. Because Jesus brings us salvation and we don't want to miss being saved because we haven't listened to him.

Jesus is the ultimate human v5-18

Perhaps then explore why we should listen carefully to Jesus.

You could very simply explain the gospel message with these verses.

Jesus was made just like us but he never sinned like Adam and Eve did and we do. That's why he can save us, he could pay for our sins because he didn't ever sin himself. So we don't need to be scared anymore about dying (v15) if we trust in him because he rose again.

(v18) When we pray we can tell Jesus anything that worries or frightens us because he knows what it feels like to be one of us and he is alive and loves to hear us talking to him.

Activity

Maybe play a listening game e.g. identify different sounds or Chinese whispers etc

Craft

Maybe making a road sign telling us to listen to Jesus