

See Your Allies WEEK 5 DISCUSSION GUIDE

Overview

In this message of the *SpiritualEYES* series, we will learn who angels are and what they do.

Discussion Questions

Hebrews 13:2 says, Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it.

• Have you ever shown kindness to a stranger and later thought it may have been an angel?

What Are Angels?

1. Angels are worshipers.

Wherever you find God or Jesus, you will typically find angels worshiping them. Hebrews 1:6 says: But when He again brings the firstborn into the world, He says: "Let all the angels of God worship Him."

2. Angels are warriors.

In Daniel 10, we see the prophet Daniel praying and then an angel – twenty-one days later – shows up and says, "I've been trying to get here, but I've been battling against the prince of Persia." [Another name for our enemy, Satan] Finally, Michael the archangel comes and brings Daniel a message.

3. Angels are messengers.

Over-and-over again in Scripture, we see angels show up with a message from God – for God's people. Judges 6:12 says: And the Angel of the LORD appeared to him, and said to him, "The LORD is with you, you mighty man of valor!"

What Do Angels Do?

1. Angels confirm God's direction.

Matthew 1:20: But while he thought about these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit." An angel of God appeared and confirmed Mary's report.

There may be times where you try to do something and you continue to hit roadblocks. Perhaps, it is an angel of the Lord redirecting you off the wrong path and onto the right path.

- Has there ever been a time where God put you on a different path? Do you believe an angel may have redirected you?
- How can we tell the difference between an angel's voice and the enemy's voice?

2. Angels protect you from danger.

Psalm 91:11-12 says: For He shall give His angels charge over you, to keep you in all your ways. In their hands they shall bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone.

Have you ever been faced with a challenging or hopeless situation and the
outcome was better than you expected? Share how you've seen God's protection
in your life.

3. Angels minister to you.

Hebrews 1:14 says, Are not all angels ministering spirits sent to serve those who inherit salvation? Angels minister God's love, healing, and power to us. After a forty-day fast and being tempted by the enemy, Jesus was physically exhausted and trying to recover from a very intense spiritual battle. Matthew 4:11 says, Then the devil left Him, and behold, angels came and ministered to Him.

Life Challenge

Psalm 103:20 says, **Bless the LORD, you His angels, who excel in strength, who do His word, heeding the voice of His word.** The challenge for this week is to <u>speak</u> God's Word. We activate the angelic realm as we speak the Scripture over our lives, our minds, our homes, and our families. God has angels surrounding us and guiding us. When we declare God's Word, angels fight on our behalf.

• What Scripture do you need to speak over your life this week? Take a few minutes to find one and share with the group.

Prayer

Lord, thank You for loving us so deeply. We praise You today and every day. Thank You for sending angels to fight on our behalf. We are so grateful for the things we see and all the things they do that we don't see. Amen. Pray for the specific needs of the group.