Acts 5:19-20 - "[19] But at night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out, and said, [20] "Go, stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this life.""

**Matthew 4:11** - "Then the devil left Him (Jesus), and behold, angels came and ministered to Him."

What questions come to mind as you think about angels?

#### **GET PRACTICAL**

- 7) Do you think it's tempting for some Christians to be very *spiritual*, yet lose their focus on Jesus? If so, give examples.
- 8) What can you do this week to help keep your focus on Jesus, rather than on this world or religious tradition?
- 9) What do you most need to remember or apply from this week's message or homework?

## **PRAYER**

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# <u>Life Group Homework</u> For the week of November 26, 2023

#### **MY STORY**

- 1) What is your favorite Thanksgiving-time food?
- 2) Did/do you have any Thanksgiving-time traditions in your family? If so, what?

#### **QUICK REVIEW**

- 3) Which verse was most meaningful or interesting to you in Hebrews 1, and why?
- 4) Thinking back to this week's message, did anything surprise you, confuse you, or encourage you?

### **DIGGING DEEPER**

5) This week we looked at some descriptions of Jesus and His deity. What does the following passage teach us? **Psalm 139:1-6** - "[1] For the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David. O LORD, You have searched me and known me. [2] You know my sitting down and my rising up; You understand my thought afar off. [3] You comprehend my path and my lying down, And are acquainted with all my ways. [4] For there is not a word on my tongue, But behold, O LORD, You know it altogether. [5] You have hedged me behind and before, And laid Your hand upon me. [6] Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; It is high, I cannot attain it.

In what way(s) does this comfort or challenge you?

What else do we learn about God from the following passage?

Psalm 139:7-12 - [7] Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from Your presence? [8] If I ascend into heaven, You are there; If I make my bed in hell, behold, You are there. [9] If I take the wings of the morning, And dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, [10] Even there Your hand shall lead me, And Your right hand shall hold me. [11] If I say, "Surely the darkness shall fall on me," Even the night shall be light about me; [12] Indeed, the darkness shall not hide from You, But the night shines as the day; The darkness and the light are both alike to You.

How should these truths affect your perspective or attitude?

What else do we learn about God from the next passage?

Psalm 139:13-18 - [13] For You formed my inward parts;
You covered me in my mother's womb. [14] I will praise You,
for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Marvelous are Your
works, And that my soul knows very well. [15] My frame was
not hidden from You, When I was made in secret, And
skillfully wrought in the lowest parts of the earth. [16] Your
eyes saw my substance, being yet unformed. And in Your
book they all were written, The days fashioned for me, When
as yet there were none of them. [17] How precious also are
Your thoughts to me, O God! How great is the sum of them!
[18] If I should count them, they would be more in number
than the sand; When I awake, I am still with You.

Do you think it is important to remember this about God? Why or why not?

Why do you think David includes these last two verses? **Psalm 139:23-24 -** [23] Search me, O God, and know my heart; Try me, and know my anxieties; [24] And see if there is any wicked way in me, And lead me in the way everlasting."

6) What do each of the following verses teach us about angels?

**Hebrews 13:2** - "Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by so doing some have unwittingly entertained angels."

**Hebrews 1:14** - "Are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to minister for those who will inherit salvation?"

Matthew 18:10 - ""Take heed that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I say to you that in heaven their angels always see the face of My Father who is in heaven."

**Luke 15:10** - ""Likewise, I say to you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.""

**Matthew 24:31** - ""And He will send His angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they will gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other."

Jude 1:9 - "Yet Michael the archangel, in contending with the devil, when he disputed about the body of Moses, dared not bring against him a reviling accusation, but said, "The Lord rebuke you!""