

Jesus is BIGGER than the angels and the prophets

SMALL GROUP NOTES

Tom Shaw, Sunday 12 April

Theme

This week Tom kicked us off in our new teaching series in Hebrews. Over the next few months we will go through the book of Hebrews looking afresh as to how Jesus is BIGGER than everything else. In Hebrews we see that the Jewish Christians understood the head knowledge of salvation but now the writer of Hebrews is going to fight for their hearts. These Christians were facing many challenges in their lives and were experiencing real persecution and hostility from those around them. The writer of Hebrews shows them and us that there is only one solution to this - seeing Jesus as BIGGER than any other thing. The writer of Hebrews wanted these Christians and us ourselves to put the challenges of life in their rightful place, under the supremacy of Christ.

In Hebrews Chapter 1 we see that they were facing what can almost be called an identity problem. These Christians that the writer of Hebrews was writing to had based their own significance, their intimacy with God and their understanding of God on their family history - the prophets and angels.

Tom helped us to see that although we are very unlikely to consider the prophets and angels in the same light; we still share the root problem at the heart of their issues. There are things in our lives that we place our significance in, that we look to to find intimacy with God and things that we make ultimately big in our lives, other than Christ. Tom made three clear points to help us in this.

- 1) Jesus was more **intimate** than the prophets and the angels.
- 2) Jesus was more **important** than the prophets and the angels.
- 3) Jesus was more **impressive** than the prophets and the angels.

Please use these questions as a base for discussion that will lead us into praying for one-another.

Questions for discussion

- 1) What do we look to for significance or to make us feel special?
- 2) Do we naturally go first to the Son for intimacy with God? What else do we look to?
e.g. Living off others intimacy rather than our own intimacy with Him.
- 3) Christ is so important that God worships the Son v8. What do we find ourselves considering to be more important than Jesus?
How over familiar have we become in our relationship with Christ? I.e. are we living in the knowledge of these being the last days?
- 4) What good things have become god things in our lives? Are we facing challenges that feel bigger than Jesus? Consider what needs to be laid down and pray for one another, acknowledging that Jesus is BIGGER!