



## Sermon Discussion Guide

02.18.24 Message | Tyler Myers| Hebrews 1:4-14

### Key Scripture:

*“having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs. For to which of the angels did God ever say, “You are my Son, today I have begotten you”? Or again, “I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son”? And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says, “Let all God’s angels worship him.” Of the angels he says, “He makes his angels winds, and his ministers a flame of fire.” But of the Son he says, “Your throne, O God, is forever and ever, the scepter of uprightness is the scepter of your kingdom. You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions.” And, “You, Lord, laid the foundation of the earth in the beginning, and the heavens are the work of your hands; they will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like a garment, like a robe you will roll them up, like a garment they will be changed. But you are the same, and your years will have no end.” And to which of the angels has he ever said, “Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet”? Are they not all ministering spirits sent out to serve for the sake of those who are to inherit salvation?”*

- Hebrews 1:4-14

### Message Highlights:

- Jesus is the bridge to trust in our spiritual journey.
- We might find ourselves unintentionally following other influences in our lives instead of letting Jesus take the lead.
- Tyler asked during the sermon, “who or what is anchoring your spiritual journey” as you navigate the places and spaces of your life.

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### CONVERSATION STARTER:

What determines a person's identity or purpose in life? What is your purpose in life? Discuss.

## **DISCUSS THE MESSAGE:**

In today's discussion, based upon the recent sermon, we will dive into the theme of life's "anchors" and "bridges" that Tyler highlighted in Hebrews 1. The angels symbolize the aspects of our lives where we often seek security, identity, purpose, or significant influence outside of Jesus. These elements serve as our grounding or anchoring forces. The writer of Hebrews emphasizes that, as Christians, our anchor should not be rooted in worldly matters but, instead, firmly secured in Jesus.

- As we move further into this discussion, was there anything specific from Sunday's message that resonated with you?

## **THINK DEEPER** (Does your group understand the passage?):

Discussion Questions from the scripture text:

- How does the passage emphasize the superiority of Jesus over angels? What specific qualities or attributes are mentioned in the passage?
- Why do you think it is important that the writer of Hebrews wants the audience to know that Jesus is greater than the angels (anchors)? What about other "anchors" in our lives?
- Reflect on the titles and descriptions given to Jesus in this passage (e.g., Son, throne, scepter, foundation of the earth). How do these titles contribute to our understanding of Jesus' role in our lives today?

## **THINK LIFE CHANGE** (Does your group recognize the personal implications for them as individuals?):

In his message, Tyler pinpointed potential anchors that, if we're not vigilant, might inadvertently become our primary sources of purpose. He cautioned that as Christians, we must be cautious not to let aspects such as education, career, heritage, political views, family, and experiences take precedence as our primary anchors in life. Take a moment to reflect on Matthew 10:37-39 in the context of today's discussion.

- What significance lies in the consistent emphasis from Jesus, the author of Hebrews, and Tyler's message, all stressing the importance of making Jesus the central "anchor" of our lives?

By prioritizing Jesus as your main anchor, you'll discover increased satisfaction and joy in other aspects of life when they take on a secondary role.

- How could this be true? (Consider the idea that if Jesus is our everything, we will have an increased joy and more Jesus-honoring vision for life).

**THINK ENGAGE** (Does your group know how to apply the challenge?):

Nurturing life in Jesus, where He serves as the primary anchor, poses a challenge in the face of prevailing cultural norms. In response, fostering a sense of community and embracing accountability becomes pivotal for those choosing to live a life centered on Jesus.

- What are four practical ways your group can identify that will help make Jesus the anchor of your life? (e.g. Regular scripture study and reflection, prayer partnerships, accountability groups, etc.)

**THINK EXPAND** (Does your group recognize the missional implications for those we want to reach for Christ?):

- The way we live and the decisions we make inevitably influence those in our close circles. How does the choice to anchor our lives in Jesus, as opposed to alternative anchors, impact the people who are familiar with us?

**THINK KINGDOM** (Does your group understand the overarching Kingdom, that the work we do is bigger than ourselves?):

Embracing Jesus as the anchor or bridge for your life's journey starts by establishing a firm foundation.

- Share a couple of scriptures that have played a foundational role in shaping your life.