

# LG | LeaderGuide

[Primary Text: Hebrews 1]

## PRAY

**Pause. Acknowledge that you are about to open God's word.**

- Ask the Holy Spirit to illuminate His word.

## WARM-UP (10 mins)

**Prepare our minds to receive God's word.**

- LG Foundations (on back page): What did you learn from our last foundations training (topic: "Sharing the Gospel")?
- When reflecting on the message this past Sunday, what most resonated with you?

## ILLUMINATE

**Open your Bibles to the primary text. If you do not have a Bible, your leader can provide one.**

- Read Hebrews Chapter 1 to refresh our memories.
- The audience of this letter was very familiar with Old Testament Scripture. Is it necessary for us today to attempt to understand the context surrounding the text? Explain.  
*Absolutely. Although much of this book may seem foreign to us as modern readers, having an understanding of the practices of the Old Testament is vital to understanding the beauty and worth of Jesus. Example: If you know what it took for a priest to approach God behind the veil in the Tabernacle (garments, cleansings, sacrifices, etc.), you now understand the unbelievable access we have to God through the New Covenant. Jesus Christ made a once for all sacrifice so that we have access to God.*
- How does a Chapter like Hebrews 1 cause a Christian to view life differently? How does Jesus' exaltation affect you?  
*Knowing that all things were created through Jesus and that he upholds the universe with His word is truly amazing. It should leave us in awe of who Jesus is. Knowing that a being that powerful cares for us should give us great peace and rest. His supremacy over all things should cause us to reorient our lives around Him and His desire for our lives. People who truly understand who Jesus is and how exalted he is over all creation, act differently. They view life through the lens of Jesus, which sets them apart from the culture that surrounds them.*
- Based on the opening verses of this chapter, how would you describe Jesus to someone else? Could you put verses 1-4 in your own words? Who is willing to try?  
*[Goal here is to help people internalize this beautiful passage of Scripture. You can break the response into 4 verses]. Example:*

- v.1 – God is not silent. God used to speak all the time through prophets.
- v.2. – But now, he has chosen to speak to US through His Son. His Son owns everything because He created it.
- v.3 – His Son is just like God; all-powerful. Powerful enough to forgive the sins of the entire world.
- v.4 – His Son, Jesus, is even superior to angels; a further explanation of His deity.

- The sermon introduction video gave us a tip; look up Old Testament quotations. Are there any we need to look up tonight to help us understand and navigate this text?

[We are teaching people how to identify Old Testament Quotations and how to look them up]

Example: v.13 – “Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet” (Psalm 110:1) – David ascribes deity to not just God, but to a future King. “The Lord said to my Lord:”

- How does Hebrews chapter 1 explain the primary purpose of angels? Does this change your view of angels at all?

Verse 14 gives us some direction as to the primary purpose of angels. We know in the Old Testament angels represented many different things; messengers of God, angels of death, etc. Here, verse 14 says that they are ministering spirits sent out to serve for the sake of those who are to inherit salvation. This verse simply gives us more clarity on the primary function of angles, with God having ultimate authority as to what they do.

- What is the value of knowing Christ’s position among the angels? Why do you think the author spent time on this?

The audience of the letter to the Hebrews placed much value on angels. They knew that based on the Old Testament the angels were incredibly powerful and messengers sent from God Almighty. To say that Jesus was superior to angels would have been a very profound statement. The author is illuminating the credibility of the New Covenant in the deity of Jesus. It was also a rebuttal to the false teaching in that day placed an appropriate emphasis on the angels.

- If you could us one word, what do you think this chapter would say: Jesus is \_\_\_\_\_.  
More, Better, Supreme, Superior, etc.

## PRAY

Use this time to pray specifically. What does tonight’s conversation lead you to pray for?