

Growing Together Discussion Questions from Sunday's Sermon – Nov. 17, 2013

(For Personal Study, Review, Meditation and Mid-Week Group Discussion)

I. **Getting to know you** ~ *Questions just for fun:*

- a. How far have you traveled from home? Where did you go, and what was your experience?

II. **Getting into the Bible** ~ *Points from Sunday's Message:*

What do you believe about angels?

a. Points from Sunday's Message:

- i. We don't live in a closed system. God is involved and in control.
- ii. Moral, intelligent, spirit beings (angels) are active in heaven and on earth.

iii. **Angels:**

1. ***We are not like them...***

- a. We are made in God's image.
- b. We were made male & female.
- c. We have physical bodies

but we join in with them.

- d. In worship.
- e. In service.

2. ***We don't pray to them...***

- a. They are not omnipotent, omniscient as God is.
- b. To pray to angels would be to deny the good news that we have access to God through Jesus Christ.
- c. Angels don't counsel God or act independent of Him.

but we praise God for them.

- d. They are ministering spirits who serve God by ministering to those who inherit salvation.

3. ***We learn from them...***

- a. Angels are exemplary in their worship and service.
- b. Angels remind us that the spirit world is real.

And they learn from us.

- c. By watching us, angels learn what it means to be redeemed.
- d. Angels learn of God's wisdom from the church.

iv. **Key Scriptures from Sunday's Message:**

1. Ephesians 3:8-11
2. 1 Peter 1:10-12

III. **Getting into Life:**

- a. What do you think Matthew 18:10 and Acts 12:12-15 might be hinting at?
- b. According to Matthew 13:36-43, what role do angels play at the end of the age?

- c. Consider the messages of Hebrews 1:14 and Hebrews 13:2. What do you think of this ministry between saints and angels?
- d. What difference would it make in your attitude in worship if you consciously thought about being in the presence of angels?
- e. Can you remember a time when you may have been ministered to by an angel? What was that experience?