

For LIFE Group Discussion, week of Sept. 7-13, 2009

Sermon: Heb. 1 - He is There and He is Not Silent

General Discussion starters: (Read the text aloud first)

1. What was the big idea of the message?
2. What did you get out of it?
3. What questions did it raise for you?

To the specific points:

4. How do we know that “He is there and He is not silent?” How does God speak to us? Is there any more speaking(revelation) to come? (acc. to our confession of faith, the word of God, that which gives testimony to the life and words of the Son, is final and sufficient revelation, WCF Ch. 1 par. 1)
5. Which of the 7 descriptions of Christ(2-3) grabs your *attention* the most?
6. (alternately) Which of the 7 descriptions of Christ grabs your *affections* the most? (background: Ignatius, the Jesuit missionary, in his *Spiritual Exercises*, when reading the Bible often looked for “attachment insights”, i.e., insights that cause the heart to be more attached to Jesus in devotion and love. Source: [Intimacy with God in Prayer](#), by Alex Aronis)
7. The Hebrew readers were going through major trials and testings. The writer is seeking to get them to hang in there in the face of adversity, doubt, and skepticism. How does this introductory section to the letter address their needs?
8. Of the five applications, which one speaks to your life the most and why?
9. When and how did Jesus become more than just a name for you, (alt., or became superior to whatever you believed in?)
10. How do we convince our neighbors of the superiority of Christ? Who (or what) do they think is superior to Jesus?
11. (Rabbit Trail of the week)Anybody have any encounters with angels?

Prayer Suggestions:

In prayer partners or triads:

Pray for each person’s application or action point

Spend some time in praise and adoration for Christ’s attributes in Heb. 1

Spend some time in thanks for the book of Nature(creation) and the book of Scripture (His word), that He speaks and reveals Himself in both