

# GROUP DISCUSSION

Questions for facilitating dynamic discussion

## Angels – *Real or Imagined?*

Week 1: Guardian Angels

Psalm 91:11-12

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We kicked off our study of angels with a message about “Guardian Angels.” God’s love for us is evidenced in His deployment of angels to guard believers. This truth can bring us great peace.

**Kicking It Off:** Zuzu (from “It’s a Wonderful Life”) said, “Every time a bell rings, an angel gets its wings.” This sentiment lacks any biblical support. What unbiblical beliefs about angels have you heard?

### Discussion:

1. Reread *2 Kings 6:17* What does this verse tell us about angels?

*Elisha prayed, “Open his eyes, Lord, so that he may see.” Then the Lord opened the servant’s eyes and he saw the hills full of horses and chariots of fire.*

2. Reread *Hebrews 13:2* What does this verse tell us about angels?

*Show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it.*

3. Reread *Psalm 91:11-12* How might this angelic principle apply to modern life?

*God will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways; they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.*

4. Reread *Daniel 6:22* Daniel survived a whole night in the lion’s den. What do you imagine happened in that den?

*Daniel answered, “God sent his angel and he shut the mouths of the lions. They have not hurt me!”*

5. Reread *Matthew 4:11* (HCSB) Why didn’t the angels come to help Jesus while Satan was tempting him?

*The devil left, and immediately angels came and began to serve Jesus.*

6. Reread what Paul said while enduring a storm at sea in *Acts 27:23-24* (TLB) How might angels help us when we are enduring hardship?

*“Cheer up! Not one of us will lose our lives, even though the ship will go down.” “Last night an angel stood beside me and said, ‘Don’t be afraid, Paul, for you will surely stand trial before Caesar! What’s more, God will save the lives of all those sailing with you.’”*

7. Reread *Luke 16:22* (NLT) How does this verse relate to reported “near-death experiences”?

*The man died and was carried by angels to sit beside Abraham at the heavenly banquet.*

**Wrapping Up:** Ask God to embed the truth about angels so deep into your heart that it produces peace.