

GroupWork

Bible Study Discussion Starters

Life application materials for use in Life Groups, home devotions, and other small groups.

1. Fall is here! What is your favorite part of fall? What do you want to make sure you squeeze in before the snow flies?

2. Read the message text (2 Kings 6:8-24) and look at the message outline to remind you of the message.
 - a. What was memorable from the message? Share it with the group.

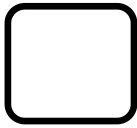
 - b. What question did the message raise in your mind? Discuss it as a group.

At this time of year when days get darker, Christians have traditionally remembered that angels are all around us. In our culture, people like to think of angels being all around, too. But there's some confusion—just google “angels.” Are angels chubby babies? Pretty ladies with wings? A mediocre California baseball team?

The Bible paints a different picture in Hebrews 1:14 “Are not all angels ministering spirits sent to serve those who will inherit salvation?”

In the table below are all the references to angels in the gospel of Luke (and one from Acts). Divide into groups of 3 or 4 and assign the readings in the table below to the groups. Use the questions to understand angels better—God’s messengers who serve us with the message of salvation!

Bible Reading	How do the angels focus the people in the reading on salvation?	Angels serve! What changed for people after they interacted with the angels?	How would you feel if you were the person the angels appeared to in this reading?
Luke 1:5-25			
Luke 1:26-38			
Luke 2:8-15			
Luke 16:19-22			
Luke 22:39-46			
Luke 24:1-8			
Acts 1:6-11			



NoteSheet

Sermon Outline

Take notes during the sermon to help you remember the main points.

ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS DAY FOLLOWERS OF CHRIST SEE THE UNSEEN 2 KINGS 6:8-24

1. Followers of Christ see the LORD Almighty reigns.

- A. By faith they see clearly.
 - 1. The LORD knows all.
 - 2. The LORD protects his people.
- B. There is much that is not clear.

“I bring prosperity and create disaster; I, the LORD, do all these things” (Isaiah 45:7).

2. Followers of Christ see the angel armies surrounding them.

- A. By faith they see clearly.
 - 1) *“Don’t be afraid. Those who are with us are more than those who are with them” (2 Kings 6:16).*
 - 2) *“The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him, and he delivers them” (Psalm 34:7).*
 - 3) *“Are not all angels ministering spirits sent to serve those who will inherit salvation?” (Hebrews 1:14)*
- B. There is much that is not clear,
 - 1. Seraphim and Cherubim and Living Creatures and Angels and Powers and Authorities
 - 2. The Archangel Michael (Daniel 12:1; Jude 1:9; Revelation 12:7)
 - 3. How do angels fight?

3. Followers of Christ see God’s people at rest.

- A. By faith they see clearly,
 - 1. *“Be still and know” (Psalm 46:11). We are at rest.*
 - 2. *“Then I heard a voice from heaven say, ‘Write this: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.’ ‘Yes,’ says the Spirit, ‘they will rest from their labor, for their deeds will follow them’” (Revelation 14:13). The dead in Christ are at rest.*
- B. There is much that is not clear.

“The secret things belong to the LORD our God, but the things revealed belong to us and to our children forever, that we may follow all the words of this law” Deuteronomy 29:29).

A Possible Next Step Use Luther’s Morning and Evening Prayers Regularly

In the morning: In the name of God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen. I thank you, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, your dear Son, that you have kept me this night from all harm and danger. Keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please you. Into your hands I commend my body and soul and all things. **Let your holy angel be with me**, that the wicked foe may have no power over me. Amen.

In the evening: In the name of God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen. I thank you, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, your dear Son, that you have graciously kept me this day. Forgive me all my sins, and graciously keep me this night. Into your hands I commend my body and soul and all things. **Let your holy angel be with me**, that the wicked foe may have no power over me. Amen.