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Section: Doctrine of God

**DISCUSSION GUIDE**

**Q19. What are angels?**

Angels are created spiritual beings who have limited power and are under God’s control.

1. How does the fact that God chose to create a race of unique spiritual beings—different than us in look, power, scope, and purpose—affect the way you see and worship God?
2. When considering the public ministry that angels have had and the private ministry they still have (see handout), what does this do to help you understand their role in God’s creation?
3. Why is it important that we see that angels are not omnipresent, omniscient, omnipotent, or eternal?

**Q20. What kinds of angels are there?**

The Bible tells us of two kinds of angels: elect angels and fallen angels (demons). Elect angels are those whom God ordained not to fall but to serve and enjoy God and His ways. Fallen angels (demons) are evil angels who sinned against God and now continually work evil in creation. There is no redemption for fallen angels.

1. When considering the power and limitations of demons, what does this do to help you better understand their influence in creation?
2. Can true Christians be possessed by demons? Why or why not?
3. Why is it important that we have a right attention and perspective about the reality of demonic things and our spiritual adversaries but not ascribe them too much power or give them too much attention or credit?

**Q21. Who is Satan?**

Satan opposes God as the chief of all fallen angels by deceiving, tempting, and lying. Satan only has the access and ability that God permits him.

1. Read Ephesians 2:1-3, 2 Corinthians 4:4, John 8:44, and 1 John 3:8. When you hear what the Scriptures reveal to us about who Satan is, how he works, and the grip he has on the unregenerate, how does it help you better understand the world and those who belong to it? How does this bring about praise in you who are saved?
2. Read Genesis 3:1-5 and Matthew 4:1-11. Take a moment to talk about the tricks Satan uses to tempt others to sin. Why is it important that we are aware of the tricks and trades of the enemy?

1. Compare Genesis 3:1-5 and Matthew 4:1-11. What are the similarities? What are the differences? What can we learn from this?
2. Read 1 John 4:4 and James 4:7. Why is this understanding so vital to our daily journey?

\*Close in a time of prayer.