

Pay Attention!

Hebrews 1.4-14

Focus: : on intentionally listening to Jesus and His message lest we drift into the severest of judgments

RESOURCES:

I found John Piper's brief sermon notes very helpful again this week:

[http://
www.desiringgod.org/messages/
the-danger-of-drifting-from-the-
word](http://www.desiringgod.org/messages/the-danger-of-drifting-from-the-word)

and

[http://www.desiringgod.org/
messages/spoken-confirmed-
witnessed-a-great-salvation](http://www.desiringgod.org/messages/spoken-confirmed-witnessed-a-great-salvation)

(SGL's please encourage your people who are not serving this semester to come to LifeChange these next 3 weeks as we focus on spending time with Jesus)



2017 Annual Priority:

To embrace & exalt Christ as most worthy in our lives, that we might know Him truly, Love Him supremely, obey Him faithfully, and share Him gladly

Discussion:

- Have people share a warning they received that protected them from harm.
- Read 2.1-4. How do the main ideas of ch. 1 relate to this passage, especially verse 1.1 and 2.1?
- What does it mean "to pay close attention to" the teaching that comes from Jesus? How might that look in our lives?
- What comes to mind when you think of "drifting away" from Jesus and His message? How does that happen?
- How does the teaching of ch. 1.4-14 fuel the argument that those who reject the message of Jesus will face a more severe punishment?
- If true Christians are kept safe by God in His salvation (cf. John 10.38), why would this warning be written to a church?
- respond to this statement by John Piper, "Drifting is infinitely dangerous...But if we neglect this great salvation, and drift into the love of other things, then we will not escape. We will perish. The mark of the true child of God is that that he does not drift for long. If you are drifting this morning, one of the signs of hope that you are born again is that you feel pricked for this — a rising desire in your heart to turn your eyes on Jesus and consider him and listen to him in the days and months and years to come. And one of the signs that you may not be born again is that you hear what I am saying and feel no desire to guard against drifting."
- What will "paying much closer attention" to Jesus and His teaching look like in your life?