

ARE YOU DRIFTING?

HEBREWS 2:1-4

MAIN TAKEAWAY

Spiritual drifting occurs when we allow other things or people to rob us of our attention and affection for the Lord.

INTRODUCTION

As your group time begins, use this section to introduce the topic of discussion.

Whether swimming in the ocean, driving on a road, or watching a movie, what is the cause of drifting? What are the signs of drifting, and how can it be corrected?

How have you experienced spiritual drift in your walk with the Lord, or have you observed it in other Christians? How have you learned to recognize when spiritual drifting occurs, and how do you correct it?

UNDERSTANDING

Unpack the biblical text to discover what the Scripture says or means about a particular topic.

HAVE A VOLUNTEER READ HEBREWS 2:1-4

According to the previous teaching in Hebrews 1, what should believers “pay much closer attention” to? How do you stay spiritually anchored (1 Timothy 1:19)? How can you be mindful of the superiority of Jesus?

Why is salvation described as being “so great”? How have you experienced this to be true? How can this be neglected, and what is the consequence?

Pastor Tony Clark said, “Drifting carries the connotation of letting go, putting it in neutral, and allowing the currents of this world to take you out to sea or to crash into the rocks.” Pastor Tony shared four warning signs of spiritual drifting:

You are no longer making progress as a Christian. Are you growing in the fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-24) and the grace of Jesus (2 Peter 3:18)? How can you tell?

Old ways are reintroduced back into your life again. How is this seen in the book of Hebrews? Why might believers start doing things that they once asked God to deliver them from?

You have a loss of desire and reverence for the things of God. Why should growing Christians have a "hungry" appetite (Hebrews 5:11-14)? What may ruin someone's spiritual appetite?

You do not have a deep concern for the lost. If Jesus came to seek and save the lost (Luke 19:10), what does it reveal about us if we do not have a heart for evangelism?

APPLICATION

Help your group identify how the truths from the Scripture passage apply directly to their lives.

Have you drifted? Are you drifting? How did you respond to this message?

When considering the temptation of spiritual drift, Pastor Tony shared three questions we should ask when making decisions: Will it help me become more Christlike (1 Corinthians 10:31)? Will it bring me under its power (1 Corinthians 6:12)? Will it stumble anyone else (1 Corinthians 8:9)? Have you ever considered these questions before? How can this help you have godly discernment?

According to Revelation 2:4-5, what are the three "R's" to correct spiritual drifting?

How can this group help each other prevent spiritual drifting (Hebrews 10:24-25)?

PRAYER

Give thanks to God for such a great salvation. Pray that you will pay much closer attention to what you've heard so you may not drift. Pray for continued spiritual growth and desire for the things of God, to not go back to old ways, and to have a deep concern for the lost.