

Tentative Outline for Study of Angels in the Bible and Tradition Campus Lutheran Church

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- I. Discussion 1: Myths and Overview of Angels: What is an angel? Have you ever seen one? Why is it important to discuss angels? What **applications** for our lives do you find for studying angels? What does God want us to know about angels through His Scriptures? This should prepare us to begin our study of angels and what importance they are to Christians grounded in the study and cultivation of God's Word?
- II. Discussion 2: What conception do you have of angels? Where did this belief come from? The movies? Art? Literature? Music? Do you think that the images of Hermes (FTD mascot) and Nike (goddess of Victory) influenced your conception of angels?
- III. Discussion 3: What is the role of angels in the OT? (Bring your Bibles)
- IV. Discussion 4: What is the role of angels in the NT? (Bring your Bibles)
- V. Discussion 5: Jesus and His Angels
- VI. Discussion 6: Can we worship angels? Why not? Where does the Bible warn us of this false worship?
- VII. Discussion 7: Can we worship angels?
- VIII. Discussion 8: Lots of books out there: Are there popular books, such as those by Doreen Virtue, Billy Graham, and Dan Brown that are useful? Why or why not? Have you read any of these before? Bill Graham's book *Angels: God's Secret Agents* is perhaps the most popular study out there on angels.
- IX. Other issues you want to discuss? We can add or subtract from this outline, as time allows. Let me know if any or all of this interests you.

Suggestions/Comments: