

Sermon Guide

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sermon discussion questions

"Dangerous Drifting"

- ▶ What is the worst situation you've seen or heard about that was caused because someone didn't pay attention?
- ▶ Have you ever ignored a warning? What happened when you did?
- ▶ Do you typically think first of warnings as good, bad, or something in between? Why?
- ▶ To what did the readers of Hebrews need to "pay even more attention"? How did the writer connect their present experience with the past?
- ▶ What situations potentially cause a person to drift when it comes to obeying Christ and holding to the gospel truth?
- ▶ What happens when believers fail to pay attention? How does this passage apply to Christians today?
- ▶ How is a divine warning an act of grace? When has a warning in Scripture helped you resist the pull of doubt and unbelief?
- ▶ How do you respond when you see another believer headed toward trouble?
- ▶ What's the right way to help someone pay attention when they begin to drift? What's the wrong way?
- ▶ What are some practical ways we can make sure we are paying attention?
- ▶ How do the consequences of disobeying the Law compare with neglecting Christ?
- ▶ How can paying attention to God's Word and His great salvation help you avoid drifting away from Jesus?
- ▶ Is there anything in your life right now that is causing you to drift? How are you going to take an active stance against that drift this week?

dig deeper:

"The mark of the child of God is that he does not drift for long."

~John Piper

Read: 1 Peter 5:8

According to this verse, what kind of adversary do we have? Why do you think Peter compared the devil to a lion? How does the devil devour a person? What methods does the devil use to devour believers? How does 1 Peter 5:8 serve as a complement to Hebrews 2:1? How does knowing who our enemy is from 1 Peter 5:8 empower the warning against drifting away in Hebrews 2:1?

preschool

questions

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- How can you share/testify what you know about God to other people?

student

questions

- What are some of the "currents" in your life that incite you to drift away from the Lord and the truth of His word?
- Have you ever drifted away from the Lord?
- What brought you back to Him?
- Do you feel like you may be close to drifting?
- What are some ways you think the Spirit has gifted you to do God's will?



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