

## JOURNEY GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

To accompany the sermon by Craig Lydon, 24 May 2020

### **A Warning – Don't Neglect so Great a Salvation**

The sermon this week on Hebrews chapter 2 considered the reasons we have to confidently understand the great salvation that we have and to not drift away. Craig used the analogy of a three stranded rope that formed the 'lifeline', an anchor to the soul. The three strands, based on the three major sections of chapter 2 are: i) What we know, ii) Who God is and iii) Who Jesus is. We were encouraged to pay close attention to these truths so that we do not drift away. Nurture these three strands to ensure that our 'rope' is tied to something strong. Please read the Bible passage carefully before discussing.

#### ***Bible reading Hebrews 2***

1. We are warned in Hebrews 2:1 to not 'drift away'.
  - 1.1 Craig used the image of a ship's mooring rope and anchor that stops a ship from drifting. If we 'drift' we go from where we should be to where we should not be. What characterises each of those 'places' for the Christian?
  - 1.2 The warning in verse 1 is to pay 'careful attention'. Translators have used the adjectives 'careful', 'more earnest', 'greatest' and 'much closer' to focus the meaning of 'attention'. Why did the writer include this emphasis? How does it impact our study and application of our Christian faith?
2. In verses 3 and 4 the writer succinctly lists four truths concerning the historic Christian faith.
  - 2.1 List the four truths. Is each of these truths still valid in 2020? How do you know?
  - 2.2 Craig said these were 'compelling arguments'. What makes them compelling?
3. The second 'strand' was Who God is. Read again Ephesians 1:4-5.
  - 3.1 What did God choose to do "...in accordance with his pleasure and will"?
  - 3.2 Why does this knowledge provide another 'strand' to our 'lifeline'?
4. The third strand was Who Jesus is. Among many descriptions of who Jesus is, Craig included 'our big brother'. Read Hebrews 2:11-13. Do you agree with this description of Jesus' relationship to the Christian?
5. In light of these three 'strands' of our mooring rope, what can we do to prevent ourselves 'drifting away'?