

**Introduction:**

1. Describe a situation where you were pleased when someone said “And that’s final”. Now describe a situation where you were annoyed when someone said “And that’s final”.
2. What warning did you get which you are glad you listened to? What warning did you get which you are sad you did not listen to?

**Understanding:**

3. Today’s passage mentions how, before Jesus, people heard from God in various ways. Read Genesis 28:10-22, which describes Jacob’s dream. Compare and contrast how Jacob related to God in that dream, with how we relate to God through Jesus Christ.
4. On the road to Emmaus in Luke 24:36-49 the disciples, without realizing it, have encountered Jesus. Look at verse 44. Give some examples of what, from the Old Testament, Jesus might have said to the disciples.
5. Today we heard that God’s Final Word is His Son. What do you think is the most common way that people in 2016 refuse to accept that? How would you best explain to them why Jesus IS the Final Word?
6. Read Luke 9:28-36. What is happening before the disciples’ eyes here? Explain how it dramatically illustrates today’s passage, especially verse 1:3.
7. Read Isaiah 43:1 and John 3:5. What is the big difference between the 2 passages in the means by which God speaks? Why is that so important and significant? How does it affect you?
8. A cultural relativist said “All the great religions are really the same. “A committed Christian then replied “No, they all contradict each other”. In today’s scripture what are the great ways in which Christianity contradicts all other religions?
9. Read Hebrews 1:5-14 especially verse 14. When Hebrews was written the readers were criticized for being too attentive to angels. But in 2016 should we be more aware of verse 14? How does verse 14 differ from what we see in our pop culture about angels (“Touched by an Angel”, etc.) What is so encouraging about verse 14?

**Application:**

10. Pastor Dave mentioned the dangers of drifting away into cultural relativism or into Legalism. Do you ever fall into one or both of those traps? When does that happen? Pray that God will give you wisdom to discern when that is starting to happen so that you may turn from it.
11. Maybe you’re at a point right now where you feel like you’re sort of wobbling. In Hebrews 2:1 it says “We must pay the most careful attention, therefore, to what we have heard.” We need to obsessively fix our eyes on Jesus. Pray that through studying Hebrews all of us will find Jesus bigger, and more impressive, and more worthy of our worship than we ever have before.