

**Reflection Questions:** What prohibits me from experiencing God's peace as I should? Am I the object of God's good pleasure? How do I know? How am I bringing glory to God this week? How can I share the good news of Jesus this Advent season? Who would I like to share the gospel with? Am I praying that God would give me opportunity?

How can we pray for one another this week?



Luke 2:8-14

*Sermon*  
Words

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## 1. The Angel

### Quotes to Ponder

*The question at Christmas is not whether Jesus was born in Bethlehem.*

*The question is whether He is born in you.*

Anonymous

*God bridged the gap by coming from heaven to earth. This is how much the mighty God cares about us. Love was when God spanned the gulf.*

*Love was when God became a man. Love was when God surprised those He had created by being born as one of them—as a baby.*

Alistair Begg

*There is no peace, there is no good will, unless there is glory to God in the highest first.... The most relevant message to this sin-ruined world was, is, and always will be, "Glory to God in the highest."*

Raymond C. Ortlund, Jr.

*God hath joined these two together as one chief end and good. The one, that He might be glorified. The other, that we might be happy. And both these are attained by honoring and serving Him... Thus our happiness and God's chief end agree together.... What sweetness is this in God, that in seeking our own good we would glorify Him.*

Richard Sibbes

*The angels were praising the Father, giving Him glory in heaven, because He sent salvation down to earth in the person of Jesus Christ.*

*God only whispers in His creation. He revealed a shadow of His glory in the "shekinah." But He speaks with absolute clarity in His Word.*

John MacArthur

*Everyone's life will bring glory to God. We will glorify God by being trophies of His grace, or we will glorify God by being justfully and rightly judged and condemned, by His perfection for our rebellion.*

Matt Chandler

## 2. The Angels

1. What in the text/sermon impacted you most? Encouraged you? Convicted you? Challenged you? Confused you? Comforted you?

2. What is God's *glory*? How did it shine around the shepherds (*Luke 2:9*)?

3. What do the following verses add to your understanding of the *glory of God*?

*Exodus 16:6-10* —

*1 Kings 8:10-11* —

*Exodus 24:16-17* —

*Ezekiel 10:18-19* —

*Exodus 33:20-23* —

*Luke 9:28-32* —

*Exodus 40:34-35* —

4. What *good news* did the angel announce (*Luke 2:10-11*)? What made this *good news*?

5. How can this *great joy* really be *for all the people* (*Luke 2:10*) if it was only announced to the shepherds?

6. Who does the angel say Jesus is (*Luke 2:11*)? What three titles are given Him? What is significant about them?

7. According to *Hebrews 1:1-3*, who is Jesus?

8. Read *Isaiah 40:5*. How do the following verses express the fulfillment of this verse?

*John 1:14* —

*John 17:4-5* —

*John 11:4* —

*Hebrews 1:3* —

9. Why is it important to affirm the full deity and full humanity of Jesus? Can a person be saved if he denies the deity of Jesus? Explain.

10. What is the *peace* the angels reference in *Luke 2:14*?

Is this *peace* for everyone? Explain.

11. What do the following verses teach about *peace*?

*John 14:27* —

*Ephesians 2:14-16* —

*Acts 10:36* —

*Colossians 1:20-22* —

*Romans 1:7* —

*Hebrews 13:20-21* —

*Romans 5:1* —

12. What does the phrase *with whom He is pleased* mean in *Luke 2:14*?

13. How would you explain the significance of Christmas to someone who doesn't already understand it?