



# LET'S GO DEEPER

## SERMON NOTES The Gift of Good News – December 22nd– Pastor Peter

**Luke 2:25-32** “And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, ‘Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; He is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.’ Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, ‘Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom His favour rests.’”

### 1. The Good News of His Glory

Glory surrounds the solo angel and the angel crowd shouts ‘glory to God.’ And there’s a reason. The birth of the Saviour is the most powerful revelation of the glory of God.

Jesus is the pinnacle, Jesus is the peak, Jesus is the apex of God’s self-revelation.

John 1:14 “The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us. We have seen His glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.”

### QUESTIONS:

1. Why do you think the Angels declared to give the Glory to God?

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2. Can anyone handle the weight of Glory besides God?

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3. What does it mean to glory God?

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**These angels give glory to God. And that's what we want to do. We want to give glory to God.**

**Because God and God alone is worthy of all glory and honour and praise.**

**Isa. 42:8 "I am the Lord; that is my name! I will not give My glory to anyone else, nor share My praise with carved idols."**

**Glory belongs exclusively to God.**

**Psa. 115:1 "Not to us, O Lord, not to us, but to Your name goes all the glory for Your unfailing love and faithfulness."**

**So how can the angels give God glory and how can we?**

## **We're A Reflection**

**To glorify God means we acknowledge His greatness and we reflect that greatness by giving Him honour and worship and praise.**

**God's glory is part of His nature, and we give Him glory by reflecting that glory back to Him.**

## **Change the Atmosphere**

**The angels change the atmosphere.**

### **QUESTIONS:**

**4. How do we change the atmosphere?**

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**5. What do the angels mean by peace on earth?**

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**Rom. 8:21,22** “The creation looks forward to the day when it will join God’s children in glorious freedom from death and decay. For we know that all creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time.”

**Creation itself groans under the crushing weight of the sin principle.**

**Creation waits in anticipation for the time when sin, violence, disease and death are gone and creation is restored to what God originally intends.**

**The angels predict that we can have peace with God and be made whole in our relationship with the one who Created us.**

**Rom. 5:1** “Therefore, since we have been made right in God’s sight by faith, we have peace with God because of what Jesus Christ our Lord has done for us.”

**And once peace with God exists we can then tap into the peace of God.**

**Phil. 4:6,7** “Don’t worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank Him for all He has done. Then you will experience God’s peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus.”

## QUESTIONS:

**8. What is the difference between favour and favouritism?**

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**9. Who is God’s favourite?**

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**10. How do we achieve God’s favour?**

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