

Heaven meets Earth: *Glory of God*

Overarching point: We can learn from the example of the shepherds

Key Scripture: Luke 2:8-20 (NIV)

Key takeaway: We can experience the divine and extraordinary, even in the mundane and ordinary

Introduction:

- > What's the thing you hate most about Christmas? And what's the thing you love most about Christmas? (Allow time for answers.) With or without all those things, it is still Christmas.
- > The significance of the Christmas story is in the story that Jesus came as a baby for us and changed everything.
- > Today, we will learn from the example of the shepherds

1. They had a curious nature

- > The shepherds were at work when the angels came.
- > The shepherds knew the prophecy. So, they believed the angel and hurried off to see the Messiah.
- > They were curious; eager to go and explore what God was doing.
- > Friends, are we curious? Do we hurry to taste, see and understand more of God?

2. They recognised God's goodness and greatness

- > The shepherds recognised the goodness and greatness of God.
- > Verse 20 says, "The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen."
- > When we see God's goodness, do we pause, worship God and tell others?

3. They experienced the extraordinary within the ordinary

- > The shepherds experienced the extraordinary within the ordinary.
- > Life has some extraordinary moments but is made up of the ordinary. We can find God in the ordinary.
- > When those sacred moments come, enjoy them and let them encourage your faith but then bring it into the ordinary, so the ordinary becomes extraordinary.

Conclusion

- > Let's be curious to understand more of God. Let's celebrate his greatness and goodness. And let's seek to experience the extraordinary within the ordinary.
- > Your Heavenly Father is always with you, and you are never alone.

