**Reflection Questions:** How am I bringing glory to God this week? Am I at peace with those around me? If not, why not? What will I do to be a peacemaker this week?

How can I pray for our church and its people this week?



1. Glory to God

## **Quotes to Ponder**

Salvation peace belongs to those to whom God I pleased to give it; it is not a reward for those who have good will, but a gracious gift to those who are the objects of God's good will.

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

*He's great, He's beautiful, He's infinitely valuable in Himself without any creation in existence.* 

The vindication of God's glory is the ground of our salvation, and the exaltation of God's glory is the goal of our salvation.

## John Piper

What comes into our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us.

A.W. Tozer

*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.* 

When the glory of God shows up, we see us as we are. Every bit of our swagger, every bit of our confidence, every bit of our self-justification melts in the light of His glory. Matt Chandler

The incarnation of the Lord Jesus Christ is the central fact of Christianity. Upon it the whole superstructure of Christian theology depends. John Walvoord 2. Peace on Earth

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- 1. What in the text/sermon impacted you most? Encouraged you? Convicted you? Challenged you? Confused you?
- 2. What did the angel reveal about Jesus uniqueness (*Luke 2:11*)? What three titles are given to Him ? What is significant about them?
- 3. How would you explain to someone that Jesus is fully divine and fully human?
- 4. Define God's glory. Back it up with Scripture.
- 5. Why are the angels giving *glory to God* in *Luke 2:14*?
- 6. What does it mean to give God glory?
- 7. 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 —

- 8. As Christians, what is our purpose in life (*Matthew 5:16; 1 Corinthians 10:31*)?
- 9. What is the *peace* the angels reference in *Luke 2:14*?
- 10. Is this *peace* for everyone? Explain.
- 11. What does the phrase with whom He is pleased mean in Luke 2:14?
- 12. What do the following verses teach about *peace*? Acts 10:36 — 2 Corinthians 5:18-19 —
  - Romans 1:7 —
- Ephesians 2:14-16 —
- Romans 5:1 Co
- Colossians 1:20-22 —
- 13. How would you explain the significance of Christmas to someone who doesn't already understand it? Who in your life may need to hear this explanation?