



Series Title: CHRISTMAS: Angels, Pt 2 of 4

Key Scripture: Luke 1:5-20, 26-38, NIV

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Date + Speaker: December 3, 2023 Pastor Mark Scarr

Starter: What was the sign that the angels gave to the shepherds, so that they would recognize Jesus after He was born?

Discussion:

1. Pastor Mark explained that: God **HEARS** and **ANSWERS** your prayers - Read Luke 1:5-13, 18-20.
 - What did the angel say to Zechariah about his prayers?
 - God hears our prayers. What are four kinds of answers He gives (Direct, Delayed, Different, Denial)?
 - What does it mean to “trust the heart of God”?
2. God has a **PLAN** and a **PURPOSE** for your life- Luke 1:14-17, 26-38
“He will be a joy and delight to you, and many will rejoice because of his birth, for he will be great in the sight of the Lord... to make ready a people prepared for the Lord”.
 - As the angel Gabriel shared with Zechariah, what was John’s purpose?
 - What is God’s plan and purpose for the body of Christ at this time?
 - Discuss ways God can use you to be a “*beacon of light*” in your neighbourhood, workplace, school, etc.”
 - What is the *common denominator* Pastor highlighted in the message the angel Gabriel gave to Zechariah and in the message he gave to Mary? What is God’s plan and purpose always about?
3. God desires to **LEAD** and **DIRECT** you- Matthew 1:18-25, 2:13-15, 19-23
 - In the dream, the angel gave Joseph instructions. What were the instructions?
 - How did Joseph follow these instructions to protect Jesus and Mary?
 - What is God directing you to do?
4. God wants to give you some **JOY** and **PEACE** Luke 2:8-15
 - What is joy in Christ based on?
 - Discuss how your relationship with Christ has brought joy this year. Discuss the good news of great joy we have in Christ. What did the angels say about joy and peace in verse 10-14?
 - How can you share the good news of Christ with others this season?

Prayer Point: Thank God for hearing and answering your prayers by His divine wisdom. Ask Him to lead and direct you to trust, obey and receive His love, joy and peace in Christ.