

Angels Out in the Field: Christmas and the Supernatural

Discussion Questions

Luke 2:8-20

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1. How does the Bible describe angels?
2. If you could see the spiritual realm, do you think you would be different? Would you do anything differently? Why or why not?
3. Read Hebrews 1:14. How do angels minister to people?
4. According to Hebrews 13:2, how are we to treat strangers? How does it make you feel that you may have entertained an angel and didn't know it?
5. Why was everyone the angels appeared to in the Christmas story afraid when the angel appeared?
6. What do you think it was like for Mary to find out that she would be the virgin that would give birth to the Messiah? What did she have to be excited about? What did she have to be afraid of? What other emotions do you think she felt?
7. When you have discovered some of God's purposes for your life, what emotions did you have about it? How did you respond? Did you respond like Mary did with faith and acceptance to do God's will? Why or why not?
8. What kind of relationship would Mary have to have to respond with faith and acceptance the way she did? Do you have that kind of relationship and trust with God? If not, how do we get to the point we do? If you do, what brought you to this kind of relationship and trust?
9. What do you think it was like for Joseph to find out that Mary was pregnant? How did a conversation with an angel change his mind? How has praying and reading God's Word changed your mind about a situation, person, or belief?
10. Do you feel like you have lost all your dreams or that your life is falling apart? What do you do during those times? What have you found gets you through?
11. Joseph had to accept God's will and obey. How have you accepted God's will and obeyed Him? Is this easy to do? Why or why not?
12. Read Matthew 2:13-14. Joseph had to move and obey God quickly. Do you find yourself obeying God right away or putting it off? Why do you respond this way? What would have happened if Joseph would have put off leaving until morning? Why is it important for us to obey right away as well?

13. Read Luke 2:8. What were the shepherds doing when the angel appeared to them? Can God use our daily routine to have us minister to others? How do you respond when God interrupts your daily routine? Do you go about your business, or do you take time for the opportunity that God has presented you with? Does your faith cause you to go into action?
14. Read Luke 2:17-18. Who did the shepherds share the message with? How are you with sharing the news with those you encounter?
15. Why can't angels take the place of what the Bible says?
16. Why shouldn't we worship angels?
17. If angels are messengers, why can't they take messages to God the Father for us? Who is our mediator between us and God the Father? Why does He have this privilege?