

Sermon Discussion Guide:

Christmas is About the Glory of God

Scripture: **Luke 2:8–20**

Series: **Advent**

Sunday, December 22, 2019

OVERVIEW

Ordinary life can feel boring, unfulfilling, and lacking significance. We occasionally have “mountaintop” experiences that revive and refresh us, but it is in the valleys where our regular, everyday lives take place. We may think we can’t find value or significance in these valleys but regardless of our circumstances, **it is in God’s glory that we find our salvation and significance.**

CORROBORATING TEXTS

Psalm 72, Hebrews 1:3

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. How did the message convict you? How did it encourage you?
2. Why should we not depend on mountaintop experiences but rather realize our lives are lived in the valleys—often feeling boring and mundane?
3. Has the birth of Christ been a message of “good news of great joy” to you this Advent season? How so?
4. Read verses 13 and 14. The peace of salvation that God gives through Christ is for those with whom God is pleased. What does this mean (with whom is he pleased)?
5. After hearing Pastor Joe explain God’s glory, how would you explain it to someone else?
6. Review the six ways we glorify God [*faith, love, repentance, obedience, joy, and gratitude*]. Which of these had you perhaps not previously thought of as a means by which to glorify God? In what ways were you specifically encouraged to glorify God?