

Home Group Discussion Guide for Angels We Have Heard

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The following questions are designed to help groups explore the message above by challenging participants to consider how God is wanting them to apply it to their lives.

The questions are a **guide** to help lead discussion.

Please don't feel that all questions need to be asked, instead respond to the needs of your group.

If you have new people in your group, take the opportunity to introduce each other and clarify any expectations that are present in your group (such as confidentiality).

GETTING STARTED

1. What are your favourite Christmas traditions?
2. What was the main challenge or idea that stood out to you from the message on Sunday?

REFLECTING ON THE MESSAGE

Key Scriptures: *Luke 2:8-15; Hebrews 13:1-2; Genesis 37:12-18; Genesis 45:4-8*

(Read *Luke 2:8-15*)

1. Have you ever had an experience / or a moment that felt angelic? What happened?

The term *Angel* is more than just a celestial being from God with wings and a harp. Gavin shared 3 aspects of this;

- Angels are a **delegate** from God
- Angels are **unexpected** delegates
- Angels are unexpected delegates with **news**

2. How do you see these understandings about angels in the passage?
3. What might this understanding mean for us today?

In Joseph's story (Genesis 37:12-18 and Genesis 45:4-8) there is a man who tells Joseph where his brothers are. Some believe this was the Angel Gabriel, others just a man. Others believe they were an **unwitting guide**. I.e. a normal person that God worked with as an unexpected messenger.

4. How does this change our understanding of an angelic message?

RESPONDING TO THE MESSAGE

1. What could / does the angelic look like in our lives today?
2. Are you prepared to accept the possibility of angels today? Why/Why not?

OPPORTUNITY FOR PRAYER

Our Home Groups are the primary place for pastoral care to occur within the Church. We would encourage you to take the opportunity to pray for each other in this space.

