HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING

1 Timothy 3:16 Pastor Alan Dionson December 15, 2024

| INTRO: | |
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| The mystery of angels | |
| A. | THE ANGELS WITNESSED CHRIST'S GLORY IN <u>HEAVEN</u> (John 1:1) |
| | Worship and treasure Christ. |
| В. | THE ANGELS WITNESSED THE HUMILITY OF CHRIST IN THE MANGER (Luke 2:13-15) |
| | Follow Christ's humility and serve others. |
| C. | THE ANGELS MINISTERED TO CHRIST IN THE <u>DESERT</u> (Matthew 4:11) |
| | Trust in Christ's power to overcome temptation. |
| D. | THE ANGELS STAND READY FOR CHRIST ON THE <u>CROSS</u> (Matthew 26:53) |
| | Rejoice in the depth of Christ's love, sacrifice and forgiveness. |
| E. | THE ANGELS ANNOUNCED THE TRIUMPH OF CHRIST'S <u>RESURRECTION</u> (Matthew 28:2-5) |
| | Rejoice in the hope of eternal life and share the victory with others. |
| F. | THE ANGELS WILL CELEBRATE THE ETERNAL REIGN OF CHRIST (Revelations 7:11-12 |
| | Prepare and anticipate the coming of Christ. |
| CONCLUSION | |
| The ministry of angels | |

LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

ICEBREAKER

When you think about angels, what comes to mind? How does their role in Christ's story impact your understanding of their purpose?

Discussion Questions:

1. The Angels Witness Heaven's Glory (John 1:1)

- How do you imagine the angels worshipping Christ before His incarnation?
- What does this reveal about the eternal nature and glory of Jesus?

2. The Angels Witness Christ's Humility in the Manger (Luke 2:13-15)

- What stands out to you about the angels' announcement of Jesus' birth?
- How does Christ's humility in the incarnation challenge our pride or self-focus?

3. The Angels Minister to Christ in the Desert (Matthew 4:11)

- Why is it significant that angels ministered to Jesus after His temptation?
- How does Jesus' victory over temptation give us strength to resist sin?

4. The Angels Stand Ready at the Cross (Matthew 26:53)

- Why do you think Christ chose not to call on the angels for help at the cross?
- What does this tell us about the depth of Christ's love and His mission to save us?

5. The Angels Announce the Resurrection (Matthew 28:2-5)

- Why is the angel's announcement of the resurrection central to our faith?
- How does the resurrection give you hope in your daily life?

6. The Angels Celebrate the Eternal Reign of Christ (Revelation 7:11-12)

• How can this hope for the future impact how we live today?

Prayer Time:

- Sing together "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing."
- Spend time praising Christ for His glory, humility, victory, and eternal reign.
- Pray for one another to grow in worship, service, and sharing the hope of Christ.
- Intercede for a great Christmas Candlelight Service on December 22.