



Christmas at The Cove

Part 4 - Angels Unaware

Discussion Guide

We are very aware of the physical world around us, particularly how it affects our own lives. Yet this life is fleeting. It all seems important now, but it's a drop in the span of eternity. It makes sense therefore that there are immortal beings surrounding us. Let's look at a few of the angel appearances the Bible reveals and focus on what God is telling us about Himself and His plan through them.

Jump Start

1. Do you believe angels are all around you? Can you say you've experienced the presence of angels? If you would like, share your experience.
2. *Angels are God's messengers.* **Read [Luke 1:26-38](#).** What attributes does the angel display? How do they reflect God's character?
3. *Angels give us direction.* **Read [Matthew 1:18-23](#).** How do you feel about the hand Joseph was dealt? What observations do you make about Joseph from this passage? What does it reveal to you about God's care for him?
4. *Angels protect us in our battles.* We talk about guardian angels; and maybe some people go farther in their theology than we know from the Bible. **Read [Psalm 91:11-12](#), [Psalm 34:7](#), and [Exodus 23:20](#).** What can we be confident that angels will do?
5. Final Thought: You may feel you can't identify with any of the people in the Christmas story. Maybe you haven't knowingly been in the presence of an angel. But all of us have heard from God. **Read [Matthew 1:24-25](#).** What did Joseph do? Is this your typical response? Are you willing to listen and obey?

Deeper

Here are just a few of the appearances of angels in the Bible. Jot down what you notice about both the angel(s) and the character of God from these passages.

6. [**Numbers 22:21-35**](#)

7. [**Judges 6:11-24**](#)

8. [**2 Kings 6:15-17**](#)

9. [**1 Chronicles 14:13-16**](#)

10. [**2 Chronicles 20:13-23**](#)

11. [**Revelation 12:7-9**](#)