



AN AWE-FILLED CHRISTMAS: Wonder, Worship, and Waking Up

#TMHAweFilledChristmas 

Week 2: *Glory in a Manger*

APPETIZER – Awe-Full Religion

- S.M.I. = Something More Impulse

God has planted eternity in the human heart.
~ King Solomon (Ecclesiastes 3:11)

- AQ = Awe Quotient

God is love.
~ The Apostle John (John 4:8 & 16)

MAIN COURSE – The Radiance of God’s Glory

Colossians 1:15-20; Hebrews 1:1-3

GLORY...

- Hebrew, *kavod* = Lit., Heavy; also importance, honour, the big deal, the wow factor.
- Greek, *doxa* = Lit., Thought; the opinions or thoughts about someone; a person’s fame, reputation, honour.

Exodus 33:18-23 – Moses asks to see God’s glory and God only shows his back, because **“You cannot see my face, for no one may see me and live.”**

God’s glory displayed in the face of Christ. (2 Corinthians 4:5-6)

Isaiah 6:1-8 – Isaiah encounters God’s glory

TAKE OUT – Sitting Down With Jesus

**God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him
in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus.**
~ The Apostle Paul (Ephesians 2:6)

Joy To The World (Verse 1)
Joy to the world! the Lord is come;
Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare him room,
And heaven and nature sing,
And heaven and nature sing,
And heaven, and heaven, and nature sing.



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Home Church Questions...

HANGOUT [Warming Up to the Topic]

1. On a scale of 1-to-10, what is your AQ? (Awe Quotient: your ability and tendency to be filled with awe and wonder at the glory of life.)
2. Does Christmas tend to increase or decrease your AQ?

HEAR [Listening to God through Scripture]

3. Read **Hebrews 1:1-3**.
 - a. What verse or idea from the text (or Sunday's message) stands out to you? Why?
 - b. God spoke "in the past" through the Old Testament prophets. Does that mean we should no longer listen to them? Why do Christ-followers continue to read and learn from the Old Testament? Isn't it replaced by the Testament?
 - c. This passage says God's final and most complete revelation is through Jesus. How does that apply to us today, in a time long after Jesus has left the planet? List as many ways as you can.
 - d. What is the significance of Jesus "sitting down" in heaven after his earthly mission? (See also **Hebrews 10:11-13**.)
 - e. What is the significance of us being raised up and seated with Christ in the heavenly realms according to **Ephesians 2:6**?

HUDDLE [Making It Personal and Praying Together]

4. How does your "AQ" help or hinder your worship of God?
5. What things in your life do you tend to take for granted? Things that deserve to inspire more awe and wonder in you than they do currently? Take your time thinking and talking about the most awesome things in your life. Then close in prayers of praise and thanksgiving.

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Quotes...

Welcome to Awe-Filled Christmas – a series that explores how the story of Jesus can increase our wonder and inspire our worship.

He who can no longer pause to wonder and stand rapt in awe, is as good as dead; his eyes are closed.

~ Albert Einstein

The world will never starve for want of wonders, but for want of wonder.

~ G.K. Chesterton

It is through the feeling of wonder that men now and at first began to philosophize.

~ Aristotle

Wonder is the basis of worship.

~ Thomas Carlyle

There is a worldwide stirring among people today. They are tired of the experience of life and they are looking for a sense that God is with us.

~ Tommy Coomes

Our hearts are restless until they rest in God.

~ Augustine

God has planted eternity in the human heart.

~ King Solomon

My whole being longs for You.

~ King David

As soon as all the people saw Jesus, they were overwhelmed with wonder and ran to greet him.

~ The Gospel of Mark (9:15)