

Angels Worship with Shepherds – Pastor Mark Pope December 19 & 20, 2020

- 1. Pastor Mark began his talk by defining pure as flawless, genuine, free of contamination. Discuss what "pure" means to you. Why are pure things worth more?
- 2. Read Psalm 51:10

Why does God value purity? How could purity enhance relationships in a person's life?

- 3. When you think of a peaceful or pure person, what characteristics come to your mind?
- 4. Read Luke 2:8-14

Pastor Mark's first point was that Angelic worship pushed praise upward, redirecting the shepherd's appreciation back to God. When you experience greatness or when people give you praise, do you find it easy to give God credit? What could you do to give God the glory He deserves?

- 5. Pastor Mark's shared that a possible act of pure worship is the interjection of Godly peace. What conscious decisions can we make to maintain peace? How can we improve at making peace a priority?
- 6. What do you think the difference is between being peaceful or just complacent or apathetic?
- 7. Pastor Mark said peace-promoting activities could include listening patiently, smiling more often, praying for your enemies, avoiding division over lesser things. Which of these things come quickly to you? Which is the most difficult?
- 8. Read Romans 12:18

Knowing your promotion of peace may bring pleasure to God, what is your next step?