



When the unseen realm breaks through and we hear how much God cares about us and we understand that God is weaving a story of salvation, we are captured by the wonder of all of that.

Hope born in wonder gives us courage to do the right thing even if we suffer consequences like rejection, shaming, and financial setbacks for doing the right thing.

The words of Jesus in Matthew 5:3-16 are empty without the wonder of God and the angels and the reality of a better future God is weaving.

We need the wonder if we're going to be the salt and light God called us to be in a world full of decay and darkness.

The angels re-enchant the world and bring back the wonder.

### **Personal Reflection & Small Group Questions**

Please complete this study on your own, then bring it to your small group for discussion.

1. Looking back over your notes from this week's sermon, what particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?
2. Read Matthew 1:18-25. What might be going through Joseph's mind and heart when he learns that Mary is pregnant?
3. What are some of the ways obediently following Jesus can get us in trouble with others?

### **Family Discussion Questions**

1. Why is Joseph afraid to marry Mary?
2. How does the angel help Joseph be courageous?
3. How does the angel's message offer us courage?