

## Questions

1. On a scale of 1-10, how familiar are you with Luke 2:8-14? Do you remember the first time you heard it? Were you ever in a children's Christmas program where it was recited?
2. Divine providence is a term that describes how the sovereign God directs all things to work after the counsel of His will. How do we see God's providence in the events leading up to the birth of Jesus? Why did Mary and Joseph need to be in Bethlehem?
3. Do you ever get anxious about matters of government or public policy? How does God's providence encourage calm in your heart?
4. What were some of the marks of humility in the birth of Jesus? What can we take from His humble birth to apply to our own walk today?
5. Are you trusting in Jesus as your Savior? If so, who are you praying for God to save, that they would receive the gracious gift of reconciliation?
6. To be favored by God or to receive His pleasure (2:14) certainly speaks to God showing favor, but what must any person do to receive God's favor?
7. How will you make Luke 2:14 a focal point each day of this week?



## Glory in the Highest

**Luke 2:1-14**

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Luke 2:1-14 includes the *Gloria*, the angels' hymn of praise to God for the gift of His beloved Son to save sinners. Leading up to that hymn is a reminder of how the birth of Jesus Christ gives us multiple reasons to serve and glorify our King.

Luke 2:14 may be the pinnacle of this passage, but it is God's work that gives the occasion for the angel's hymn.

### **1. God's Providence (2:1-6)**

**2. God's Pattern (humility) (2:6-12)**

**4. God's Pleasure (2:12-14)**

**3. God's Present (His gift) (2:10-11)**