

**Sermon Application/Discussion Questions – 12/17/2017**  
**Sunday Message: Andrew – Luke 2:8-20**  
**Advent: Glorious**

1. The shepherds were outcasts in Jewish society, unlikely recipients of any kind of important news. What is so significant about this amazing good news being given to them first, before it goes to anyone else? Does this pattern resonate with any other parts of Scripture in which God chooses to reveal himself and his purposes to outsiders?
2. What is your understanding of the concept of glory? How might you be looking for glory in all the wrong places? What do you think of the statement: “Man was made to find his glory in God and God’s glory is most found in his Gospel”?
3. In what practical ways can you—like Mary—treasure your experience of God’s glory and hold it close? What does the glory of the gospel mean for the often mundane and difficult moments in life? Are you more trying to escape “the grind” of life, or are you looking for God’s surprising grace and ministry opportunities in the midst of it?