



STUDY GUIDE: December 14, 2025

Message Series: The Stories are True
Message Title: A Season of Worship
Teaching Pastor: Angie Frame

Warm-up/Icebreaker: (10 min.)

Share your favorite Christmas cookie and any stories that go along with it.

Pray:

God, we come with what we have—our stories, our questions, our needs, our imperfect offerings. Like the shepherds, angels, and wise men, show us how to worship You in truth. Make this time holy ground where we hear You, encounter You, and respond to You. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Get Started: (30 min.)

- When you think of “worship,” what comes to mind first and why?

Read Luke 2:13–14 — The Angels Worship

- What does it mean to give “glory to God in the highest” in your daily life?

“Calling Jesus Lord is giving God authority over your life. Calling him Savior means that you’ve recognized that you need to be saved, and you’ve let Jesus save you with his grace. That is not always as simple as it sounds, at least on our end. Because we are pretty resistant to the idea that we need to be saved, or that Jesus is the salvation that we need. We like to think of ourselves as capable and in charge of our own lives. But if that’s true, then we don’t need a savior or lord. Then, if we do become aware that we need help, we often turn to other people, places or things like technology, education, or our favorite politician to save us, not to Jesus.” -Pastor Angie Frame

- When life gets messy, where do you naturally turn first for help—your own strength, people, technology, politics, or Jesus? How does this affect your worship?

Read Luke 2:20 — The Shepherds Worship

- The shepherds worshiped because they *heard* and then *saw*. How has hearing about Jesus been part of your journey?
- Have you had a “see for yourself” moment with God? What was it like?
- What helps you move from secondhand faith to firsthand experience?

Reflect and Commit: (40 min.)

Read Matthew 2:11 — The Wise Men Worship

- What do you notice about their *posture* and their *presents*?
- Why do you think physical posture (kneeling, bowing, lifting hands) is uncomfortable for many Christians today?

"We must not forget the great things God does for us. It's so easy to do—to just keep going and doing and asking God for more things—and to forget all the things he's already done. Are you living out the answers to any of your previous prayers right now? Maybe with a relationship or a role that you fill? Getting to be a husband or wife, mom or dad, step-mom or step-dad, aunt or uncle, friend? Are you getting to do something that you love to do, that makes a difference, at work, or as a hobby, or at church? Has God rescued you from a past hurt that you did or that was done to you? Has he redeemed the damage that was done? Freed you from a habit or hangup that held you back? If so, then you can worship God for what he has done for you, just like Mary did." -Pastor Angie Frame

Read Luke 1:46–49 — Mary's Worship

- Why is humility a necessary part of worship?
- What "great things" has God done for you that you may have forgotten to thank Him for?

Gather prayer requests. (5-10 min.)

Pray:

Lord Jesus, we give You glory in the highest. Thank You that the true story of Christmas is filled with worship—angels praising, shepherds seeking, wise men bowing, and Mary glorifying Your name. Help us worship like they did: with our voices, our hearts, our posture, and our lives. Let our offering—whatever we have—be pleasing to You. In Jesus' name, Amen.